

# Baker orders Brent to drop 'racism' case

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Mr Kenneth Baker is to order Brent council to drop all disciplinary proceedings against Miss Maureen McGoldrick, the headteacher it accuses of having made a racist remark.

Mr Baker has decided to issue a direction under section 68 of the Education Act, 1944 forbidding the north London borough from holding a disciplinary hearing into the case which had been planned for Wednesday.

The Act gives the Secretary of State for Education the power to intervene if he believes that a local education authority has acted "unreasonably", or is about to do so. If Brent decides to ignore the direction, Mr Baker will go to the High Court for an injunction restraining it.

The council has received a confidential letter from Mr Baker informing it of his intentions. It is understood that the formal direction will follow on Monday or Tuesday.

Brent said yesterday: "The council would be very surprised if at this late stage the Secretary of State took any action which prevented a full and fair hearing of this case enabling for the first time all the facts to be established."



Miss McGoldrick has support of parents and union.

exchange of letters in which he made plain that in his view the council had no grounds for pursuing the case any further.

He said he did not believe that the allegation against Miss McGoldrick, that she had told a council official that she did not want any more black teachers at Sudbury Infants School, constituted reasonable grounds for holding a disciplinary hearing.

Privately, he has not troubled to disguise his distaste at the way he feels she has been persecuted by the council.

However, it was in the Court of Appeal that Brent won the right to hold a disciplinary hearing, notwithstanding the fact that the school governors had cleared her of the racism charge. But in his judgment, the Master of the Rolls, Sir John Donaldson, said he hoped the council would not proceed.

The council stood its ground.

Miss McGoldrick was suspended in July but reinstated after a campaign, including the threat of a strike, by her union, the National Union of Teachers.

● In another sign of the growing disenchantment among Brent teachers about the council's racial policies, Mr Robert Benjamin, headmaster of Claremont High School, Kenton, has announced that he is taking early retirement.

During the past two years he claims that he has been accused of racial discrimination and involved in disputes with Brent education officials over employing teachers, who he considered were unsuitable for the job.

# Teaching pay deal edges closer

By Our Education Correspondent

A solution to the teachers' pay dispute edged a fraction closer yesterday when the employers' leader, Mr John Pearman, undertook to revise the deal which has been accepted by unions representing a majority of teachers, so as to ensure that it will cost no more than the £608 million allowed by the Government.

At a meeting with Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, Mr Pearman said he was also prepared to compromise on the proposed management structure, to bring it more into line with the Government's requirements.

Mr Baker described the two steps as a "tremendous move forward", but an agreement may still be a distant prospect because Mr Pearman has imposed a new condition. He told Mr Baker that unless the Government abandoned its intention just approved by the Commons to take control of the negotiation of teachers' pay and of conditions, there would be no deal.

He is also asking to see the Prime Minister in order to reinforce the message.

However, Mr Baker said that he had no intention of withdrawing the Bill, which still faces a rough passage through the Lords. He said that "whatever happens", he is determined to recover the power to veto any agreement on the grounds of cost, a power that the Secretary of State had until July last year.

● The third biggest teaching union, the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, yesterday became the first to announce the results of a ballot of members' response to the proposals agreed by four of the six unions at the conciliation service, Acas.

On a 55 per cent turn out of the 88,000 members in state schools in England and Wales, 66 per cent voted in favour and 34 per cent against.



Tough talking: Mr Kenneth Baker speaking yesterday after meeting leaders of teachers' unions.

# Botha launches pre-Christmas raids on ANC

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

In a television address to the nation, the South African president, Mr P. W. Botha, last night announced that the security forces had taken steps during the previous 24 hours to prevent widespread acts of terrorism which he claimed were being planned by the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) for the Christmas period.

Mr Botha's disclosure came after an announcement by the Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, that an undisclosed number of ANC members and other political activists had been arrested. Their names have not been officially released.

Among those detained is Mr Zwelakhe Sisulu, the editor of *The New Nation*, a radical fortnightly paper funded by the Catholic Church and written mainly by and for blacks. Mr Sisulu is the son of Mr Walter Sisulu, a veteran ANC figure serving a term of life imprisonment with Mr Nelson Mandela.

The authorities declined to confirm Mr Sisulu's arrest, but his lawyers said that his mother, Mrs Albertina Sisulu, had been notified by the Police that he was in detention. Lawyers here say this amounts to official disclosure and makes it possible to mention Mr Sisulu's name.

In his address, Mr Botha said that the security force action had been aimed at "forces under the direction" of an unholy "terrorist alliance" between the ANC and the South African Communist Party (SACP), which is also a prohibited organisation.

He claimed to have "irrefutable information" from captured ANC documents that the organisation was planning "to incite revolution (in South Africa) before, on and after the 16th of December by way of extensive acts of sabotage and mass actions".

The documents showed "beyond all doubt that the ANC is now striving to divide our black communities, and to incite them against the whites, and to encourage the committing of acts of violence against whites, even if these were to include large-scale bloodshed". Mr Botha declared.

● BERN, Switzerland — Two Swiss citizens abducted in Swaziland (report, page 6) are being held in neighbouring South Africa. A Swiss foreign ministry spokesman, Mr Michel Pache, confirmed yesterday (AP reports).

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was rejected and the regulations had to be applied to all the media.

Mr Botha's disclosure corroborates other evidence that the Government's particular target is the so-called "alternatives press".

*The New Nation*, which Mr Botha described as dangerous in a meeting a few weeks ago with Catholic Church leaders, and *The Weekly Mail*, a crusading anti-apartheid paper which was started by journalists made redundant when the loss-making *Rand Daily Mail* was closed by its owners last year, are leading lights of the alternative press.

In what seemed to be a thinly veiled warning of possible military retaliation against neighbouring states, Mr Botha said there was "irrefutable intelligence that units of murderers inside our country are controlled by the structures (of the ANC) outside South Africa's borders."

He further disclosed that the security force action had been aimed not only at the ANC, but also at "those who allow themselves and their organisations — especially the UDF (United Democratic Front) — to be misused and misguided by the forces of terror".

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### Officers and ladies



While the male cadets of Sandhurst brandish rifles, the women wave canes. How fares the female in the modern Army?

### Portfolio Gold

£20,000 to be won

There is £20,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition — the £4,000 daily prize and £16,000 in the weekly, twice the usual amount because no one won last week.

Yesterday's £4,000 was shared by three readers. Details, page 3.

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### Crusader out

White Crusader, Britain's entry in the America's Cup, lost by six seconds to New Zealand, the overall leaders, in Fremantle and failed to reach the semi-finals. Page 34

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After losing to Ivan Lendl in New York, Boris Becker did even worse on home ground in Stuttgart, going down to a Russian. Page 33

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## '£60 m' to refine Sellafeld

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Improvements to the Sellafeld nuclear reprocessing plant in Cumbria, ordered by the Health and Safety Executive, will cost tens of millions of pounds.

A "guesstimate" yesterday by British Nuclear Fuels was more than £60 million.

But the amount would remain uncertain until the company clarified with the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate exactly what was expected in some of the demands contained in the *Safety Audit of BNFL Sellafeld* published on Thursday.

Only then, according to the company, could detailed engineering work be planned and costed. Discussions start next week with the inspectorate on "how to translate the proposals in the audit into a mutually acceptable programme of work and timetable."

British Nuclear Fuels was also told to draw up a "safety case" for Sellafeld. Among other things, that would include a review of present methods of inspection and maintenance.

The company said it was not possible to foresee if the safety analysis would highlight additional change, and, hence, the extra associated time and costs.

Although the safety executive asked the company to make the improvements within 12 months, it is clearly impossible for anyone to say categorically that it can all be done in that period.

In the audit, the safety inspectors examined 672 reports of radiation leaks and exposures recorded at Sellafeld between January 1979 and January 1980. Continued on page 20, col 6

## Aids outburst risk to Anderton's job

By Staff Reporters

The outspoken condemnation of Aids by Mr James Anderton, the chief constable of Greater Manchester, was public plaudits yesterday but immediately brought the threat of disciplinary action from his own police authority.

Even while the police headquarters switchboard was jammed with hundreds of calls of nationwide support, outraged members of the Greater Manchester Police Authority were seeking legal advice on the possibility of officially admonishing or even forcing the resignation of their most volatile employee.

Next Friday each member of the authority will be given a transcript of the speech delivered by Mr Anderton at a one-day Aids seminar in Manchester on Thursday, when he spoke about the self-inflicted scourge of society and the cesspool of immorality.

Feelings about his startling description of the disease are so hostile, particularly among left-wing supporters of the Socialist-dominated authority, that a fresh collision seemed inevitable.

Mr David Moffat, the deputy chairman of the authority, said a copy of Mr Anderton's speech was rushed to members at a meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee, hours after its delivery to 160 delegates from 43 police forces. It was placed on the agenda for immediate discussion.

"To say members were surprised and disappointed is putting it mildly," Mr Moffat added. "Some of them were seething with indignation and are determined the matter will not rest until our chief constable has at the very least been forced to apologise."

Since the former Greater Manchester Police Committee had been disbanded and replaced by the more politically liberal police authority, he said, every effort had been made to ensure that the visit to the U.S. by Mr Kinnoch was a firm pledge rather than an objective.

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## Kinnoch condemned again

From Richard Owen Brussels

Mr George Shultz, the United States Secretary of State, and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday condemned the Labour Party's unilateralist defence policy at a meeting of Nato foreign ministers.

Mr Shultz, declining at first to comment since it had been "drummed into him" not to comment on the internal politics of other countries, accused the Labour Party of adopting a "catastrophic" policy.

"Why in the world put ourselves in a position where the Soviet Union can look down our throats and tell us where to go because they are heavily armed and we have thrown all our arms away," he said. "It does not make any sense at all."

His outspoken remarks followed last week's attack on unilateralism by Nato defence ministers and the largely hostile reception given to Mr Kinnoch's ideas during his visit to the U.S.

Sir Geoffrey said Labour's policy was folly last week "and is still foolish this week."

● Kinnoch denied that Labour was nudging its defence policy by promising to consult Britain's Nato allies before getting rid of American nuclear weapons (our Political Reporter writes). But he failed to confirm that the ultimate removal of the weapons was a firm pledge rather than an objective.

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## US tries to reassure Nato allies

From Richard Owen Brussels

In an attempt to restore American credibility, Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, yesterday moved swiftly and firmly to mend the Reagan Administration's fences with its European allies.

He agreed with Nato foreign ministers on post-Reykjavik arms control priorities, reassured the Europeans that the White House was putting the Iran debacle behind it, and urged EEC and US negotiators to settle their trade differences by the end of the year, while President Reagan wants the two key figures in the Iran arms controversy, Vice Admiral John Poindexter and Lt-Col Oliver North, to "co-operate fully with Congress, to tell the full story... to tell it in open session."

The White House said (Reuters reports from Washington).

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warning that American patience over the trade issue had its limits.

A communique at the end of the two-day meeting of the Nato Council omitted the plan advanced by Mr Reagan at Reykjavik in October for the total elimination of all ballistic missiles in 10 years, which had alarmed the Europeans. Instead it spelled out Nato's immediate goals along the lines agreed in November at Camp David between Mr Reagan and Mrs Thatcher.

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## Soviet airliner crashes

East Berlin (Reuters, AP) — A Soviet airliner crashed as it was about to land at East Berlin's Schoenefeld airport yesterday and East German television said 10 survivors were found so far by rescue teams.

The main television news bulletin reported that the plane, described by the official ADN news agency as an Aeroflot TU-134, was on a flight from Minsk to the East German capital with 73 passengers and nine crew.

The television report said it was not yet known how many people died in the crash but rescue work was continuing.

East Germany's official ADN news agency said fire trucks and emergency vehicles were at the scene of the crash.

ADN said a special commission under the leadership of Herr Otto Arndt, the Transport Minister, had been formed, but gave no details.

## British Gas sale raised £7.75bn

The Government reaped £7.75 billion from the sale of British Gas. And the creation of Sid — the mythical man who was employed to encourage a new breed of small investor — cost £164 million.

The final bill, presented to Parliament yesterday by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, showed that 2 per cent of the cash raised — £5.35 billion in sales and £2.4 billion in borrowing — was spent.

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## Doctor cleared of raping girl

A doctor was yesterday acquitted of raping a girl aged eight while she slept at his home last year.

At the end of a five-day private prosecution brought by the girl's mother, the jury also found the consultant anaesthetist innocent of indecent assault.

The doctor, aged 50, married with a son aged five, said afterwards: "I have always maintained my innocence. I just wish to get back to my work."

The doctor, whose family relationship with the girl was not published during the trial to protect the identity of both parties, refused to answer questions.

But Mr Maxwell Lewis, his solicitor said that legal advice would now be taken about prosecuting *The Sun* newspaper which published the doctor in March and then launched the private prosecution after the Director of Public Prosecutions said there was insufficient evidence to institute proceedings.

Mr Lewis said the doctor had endured a "crushing burden" since his arrest in September 1985 which had made his life a "living hell".

The jury at Chelmsford Crown Court reached a unanimous verdict on both counts after deliberating for three hours, 20 minutes.

Relatives of the girl sobbed in court and the doctor waited for more than an hour inside the building before leaving.

The judge ordered that all costs should be met out of central funds.

The jury had been told that the girl stayed with the doctor for five nights in August last year to allow her mother to stay with her elder epileptic son in hospital in Oxford.

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## Paper says France paid £1.6m ransom

From Diana Geddes Paris

Further embarrassing claims that France has been engaging in hard bargaining for the release of its hostages in Beirut, despite Government denials, are contained in a detailed report in the independent French daily, *Libération*, published yesterday.

According to the newspaper, M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, agreed to pay a 15 million franc (£1.6m) ransom in exchange for the release of two French television journalists, M Philippe Rochot and M George Hansen, last June.

The deal, which also included political concessions to Iran and Syria, was allegedly negotiated by two Lebanese Shia businessmen, Mr Nagib Zaher and Mr Ibrahim Baroud, with M Chirac's *Chef de Cabinet*, M Michel Rousin, acting as the go-between.

The report comes hard on the heels of President Mitterrand's revelation earlier this week that M Chirac and his Socialist predecessor, M Laurent Fabius, had considered releasing a pro-Iranian terrorist, sentenced to life imprisonment in France, in exchange

## Mortgages fuel rate of inflation

The rate of inflation rose to 3.5 per cent last month, its highest since March and up from 3 per cent in October.

The increase, largely due to the 1.25 point rise in mortgage rates last month, puts inflation above the Treasury's forecast of 3.25 per cent for the fourth quarter of the year.

Many City economists expect the rate to move steadily higher by the end of next year. But the Treasury and the Bank of England expect the rate to be held at 4 per cent or less.

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# Public spending boost for Ulster

The Government is to spend extra cash on education, health and job-promotion schemes as part of increased public expenditure plans for Northern Ireland.

The detailed spending proposals announced yesterday by Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, re-emphasized the Government's commitment to security, which is to get an extra £40 million a year until 1990, and the dependence of the province on the exchequer in Whitehall.

Public spending will rise from £4,530 million this year to £5,140 million in 1989-90, of which about £1.4 million is a direct subvention from the exchequer.

Education is to receive an extra £55 million next year and health a £50 million increase, while the Government hopes the additional cash being spent on capital projects will create hundreds more jobs in the construction industry, which has been particularly hard hit by threats from the Provisional IRA to those working for the security forces.

# Two help Miners' Gardai case valid

Two men were being questioned by the Gardai yesterday after security forces in the Republic of Ireland uncovered an explosives and bomb-making factory close to the border.

Police raided a house near Ballykeise, in Co Cavan, early on Thursday morning and discovered several hundredweight of explosives, three beer kegs and three timing devices. Yesterday Gardai were describing the discovery as a major explosives haul.

After the raid two men were taken for questioning to Monaghan police station.

The Bank of Ireland yesterday failed in its attempt to withdraw from the High Court action by the National Union of Mine-workers which wants to recover £1.8 million lost when funds were transferred abroad to escape seizure by the courts.

The bank had tried to claim the union's case was "legal nonsense" and should be dismissed.

But Mr Justice Whitford said he was not satisfied that the NUM had no possibility of success.

The bank was given leave to appeal.

# Train drivers plea

Aslef, the train drivers' union, appealed to Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, yesterday to persuade the Government to compensate members who suffer mental pain and distress from witnessing rail track suicides.

Mr Ray Buckton, the union's general secretary, said there are 400 rail deaths a year and some drivers are unable to work again. He wants the Criminal Injuries Compensation provision of the Criminal Justice Bill amended. Earlier this year the Court of Appeal ruled that train drivers were not eligible for compensation.

Mr Buckton said yesterday: "The effects of a suicide on the track can be shattering for a driver, particularly if he has experienced more than one incident".

# Arlott recovers

John Arlott, the cricket writer and broadcaster, was recovering at home yesterday after an operation for cancer of the abdomen.

Mr Arlott, aged 72, had the operation at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

From his home on Alderney in the Channel Islands, he said: "I'm perfectly fit. I am working and walking about."

He added that he was busy writing his autobiography.



# Detective charged

Detective Constable Kenneth Harold White, of the Metropolitan Police, allegedly involved in a homosexual ring, has been charged under the Official Secrets Act after an investigation into claims of "hacking" into the police national computer, Sir Michael Havers, Attorney General, told the Commons yesterday. Michael Edward Taylor, aged 27, from Warsash, near Southampton, has also been charged.

# Chamberlain diary ban now a 'request'

By Paul Valley

The door of the heavy fireproof safe which holds Neville Chamberlain's unpublished diaries on the abdication of King Edward VIII may well be firmly closed but, it now transpires, it is not exactly locked.

While historians and MPs continued yesterday to express indignation over the attempt by Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, to block publication of the documents, the Government issued a statement which claimed that there was no instruction that only a request that the diaries should not be published.

Birmingham University, which was given the diaries in 1974 by Chamberlain's daughter, Mrs Dorothy Lloyd, in compliance with the will of the politician's widow, had intended to publish them next month, 50 years after the abdication crisis. But then, as reported in *The Times* yesterday, it was informed by the Cabinet Office that the documents were covered by a 100-year secrecy rule.

The protests which followed came from across the House, with Mr David Alton, the Liberal MP, tabling two questions and the historian and Conservative MP for Cambridge, Mr Robert Rhodes

James, describing the prohibition as "extraordinary" and complaining: "It strikes me as a rather worrying extension of the official rules if they cover private diaries and private letters".

Then, yesterday afternoon, the Cabinet Office issued a statement which began: "The holders of private papers of certain people who as ministers at the time were closely involved in events leading up to the abdication have been asked not to release such of those papers as relate to those events so long as the public records remain closed, until January 2, 2037".

The Public Records Act

1967 empowers the Lord Chancellor to extend the period of restriction on certain documents, according to the Public Record Office. In the case of "papers relating to the private affairs of the Royal Family whose disclosure would be likely to cause distress" that extension was normally for 100 years, a spokesman said.

Other records which must remain private for 100 years include details of the decennial census, National Health Service medical records, and the official war records of operational units in the field.

The response by Mr Anthony Nichols, librarian at the

# QE2 crew accept cut in pay by big vote

By Tim Jones

Crew members on the QE2, luxury flagship of Britain's merchant fleet, have delivered a big rebuff to the National Union of Seamen by voting overwhelmingly to accept a pay cut.

By 609 votes to 47, the hotel and catering staff on the prestige 57,000 tonne liner voted to accept Cunard proposals which are designed to make the unlikely veteran of the Falklands campaign competitive in the cut-throat luxury cruise market.

Against sustained opposition from the union, and threats that the liner would be unable to leave port and stranded as a "rust bucket", the crew members have decided to accept the company plan which involves contracting the catering services to a Miami-based company.

Before the secret ballot, Mr Sam McCuskie, union general secretary, said: "I don't give a damn if Cunard gets a massive majority in their ballot - I will mobilize the support of the entire union and make the QE2 a rust bucket unless she sails with our hotel and catering crew".

At present, the liner is undergoing a £20 million refit at Bremerhaven, West Germany, estimated to extend her operational life by 20 years, and will not return to Southampton until April.

Although the liner has about her an inevitable cachet, she operates on the Britain to New York route as a super transatlantic passenger ferry for only a third of her working life.

For the rest of her time, she is involved in the luxury cruise market where the competition is fierce and where profit margins are becoming increasingly slim.

A spokesman for Cunard said yesterday that employees accepting the deal would be entitled to redundancy payments ranging from £1,200 to £20,000 and would then be eligible for employment with the new contract company.

# Lords aim to defy Baker on teachers' pay body

By Sheila Gann Political Staff

The House of Lords is expected to insist that the proposed new teachers' pay body be independent of the Government which would wreck a central element in Mr Kenneth Baker's campaign to impose a settlement in the long-running pay dispute.

This will lead to a head-on collision in February between the Secretary of State for Education, who is determined to repel all attempts to weaken his power.

There is sympathy among peers with the aim of abolishing the Burnham committee for negotiating teachers' pay. But unless the committee is independent of government, many fear there will be increased bitterness between teachers, education authorities and Mr Baker to the detriment of schools and, particularly, the children.

The strong local democracy lobby, which has threatened the Government's other local government Bills in recent years, is campaigning vigorously in the Lords where a combination of Labour, Alliance and independent peers can defeat the Conservative whip of 400.

Conservative and independent peers are also worried that the Bill would give a future left-wing Labour government the right to impose "loony ideas" on schools.

Lord Alexander of Potterhill, an influential independent and a former Burnham Committee member, compared such a threat with schools in Germany in the early 1930s, when children were ordered to shout Heil Hitler.

Mr Baker is well aware that the fate of his Bill lies in the hands of the Lords. Government sources disclosed yesterday that they will follow the convention of allowing a de-



Jonathan Mestel, the British chess Grandmaster, considering strategy at yesterday's Kleinwort Grievson British Chess Championship at the Great Eastern Hotel, London. He was making his first moves in the play-off with Murray Chandler and Jon Speelman, who drew on Thursday (Photograph: Alan Weller).

# Ministry accused of passing secrets

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

The Ministry of Defence was accused yesterday of handing important technical information to the Soviet Union through its handling of a £220 million contract for battlefield ammunition transporters known as DROPS.

At the same time it was claimed in the Commons that Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, had "a very serious case to answer" over the selection process for the contract and a British firm called Boughtons.

Speaking in a debate on defence projects and exports, Mr Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal trade and industry spokesman, raised the allegation that Boughtons' pioneering design for DROPS had been passed by the MoD to the companies that were eventually awarded the contract.

One of those companies was Multihif, which he revealed was owned by a Finnish company called Paratek which, in turn, supplied very similar hydraulic equipment to the Soviet state truck manufacturer Kama.

Mr Kevin McNamara, a Labour defence spokesman, demanded full answers to allegations that a Conservative MP, Mr Richard Ottaway, had been ordered not to make a fuss about the exclusion of Boughtons from the selection process.

If that pressure had been exerted "at the direction, suggestion, or nod and wink of Lord Trefgarne there was a very serious case for Lord Trefgarne to answer".

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# Telecom to shed 450 jobs

By Ronald Faux Employment Affairs Correspondent

British Telecom is to shed more than 450 jobs at plants in Birmingham, London and Edinburgh. The job losses, announced a day after the company revealed half-year profits of more than £1,000 million, are within the Telecom subsidiary Fulcrum Communications.

More than 300 jobs will be lost at Bordesley Green, Birmingham, and 150 at plants in London and Edinburgh. The losses are part of a shift within Telecom towards high technology and more flexible manning.

Fulcrum Communications carries out repairs, maintenance and tests, largely on the old electro-mechanical equipment. "The company was due for rationalization and the losses will all be covered by relocation, redeployment or voluntary early retirement. There will be no enforced redundancies," Telecom said.

It added that it had recruited 10,000 new workers in the past three years, but had shed 15,000 jobs over the same period, largely because of new high technology systems.

● Danepak, the largest packer of bacon in the country, yesterday announced that its factory at Selby, North Yorkshire, will close on January 1, with the loss of 247 jobs.

The company will concentrate operations at its plant in Thetford, Norfolk, where 170 new jobs will be created.

● Seven farmworkers and three foresters at the Hirsell Estate at Coldstream, Berwickshire, the home of Lord Home of the Hirsell, the former Prime Minister, are to be made redundant next year. A spokesman for the estate said the job losses were a result of the present financial climate in agriculture.

● Middlesex County Press is to close its Urbridge printing plant, with the loss of 198 jobs, next March.

# Assault on 'loony left' is renewed

By Nicholas Wood Political Reporter

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, yesterday stepped up his party's onslaught on the "loony left" by releasing a dossier on the "excesses" of 14 Labour councils.

He coupled it with a letter to Tory activists insisting there is no truth in Labour assertions that the "crazy campaigns of left-wing councils represent the work of a tiny minority".

Mr Tebbit added: "The left-wing politicians are Labour in power. Messrs Kinnock, Hattersley, and Cunningham are just Labour in opposition. The future of the Labour Party lies with the left. A parliamentary majority for the Labour Party would give these people and their friends a crucial role in any Labour government."

Mr Tebbit's letter names Manchester, Bristol, Haringey, Ealing, Southwark, Brent, Islington, Camden, Lambeth, Hackney, Newham, Sheffield, Derbyshire and Edinburgh as areas where the "loony left" reigns supreme.

The dossier lists countless alleged abuses of power including promoting homosexuality in schools, flying the Swapo flag over the town hall and abolishing the office of mayor.

# Anderton's job at risk from Aids outburst

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methodist lay-preacher now undergoing conversion to Catholicism, had told his stunned seminar audience that he was speaking as a husband, father and lover of the human race who cared about future generations of yet unborn children.

Government ministers yesterday repudiated the moral crusade against Aids advocated by Mr Anderton.

They insisted that public policy had to be directed towards warning people of the practical steps they should take to protect themselves.

Mr Tony Newton, Minister of State for Health, underlined the Government's pragmatic approach to combating the disease.

Asked on BBC Radio 4 if he shared Mr Anderton's diagnosis, he said: "I would not wish to put a position of that kind in those terms. We have made it very clear that people who sleep around in a promiscuous way are running very great risks."

# Terrorists kill lorry driver

A father of three was killed yesterday by mistake when a bomb exploded in the cab of a lorry at the Killen crematorium near Castleberg, Co Tyrone, near the border with the Irish Republic.

The target was the lorry's usual driver, a part-time police officer, Mr Desmond Caldwell, who was in his early forties, was driving the vehicle because of a heavy workload in the crematorium.

# Aids in Britain Spread a 'moral Chernobyl'

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The spread of Aids is like a "moral Chernobyl" and the promotion of condoms is "a counsel of despair", Cardinal Basil Hume, leader of Britain's Roman Catholics, has said.

He criticized aspects of the Government's public education campaign on Aids which encourage the use of condoms. It was dangerous to suggest to young people that the condom was 100 per cent safe, he said.

In an interview to be broadcast today, on the Channel 4 programme *Seven Days*, Cardinal Hume said that any campaign which does not take into account that sexuality belongs exclusively to marriage is, in the long term, not serving the best interests of society and of future generations.

The only answer to the Aids epidemic was a "profound change" in social and moral behaviour. A good Catholic's concern, he said, should be to prevent the immediate spread of Aids, and prevent contraception at the same time.

"It can only be both by self-denial. It is going to be hard but that's the only way to get things right", he said.

"If it is agreed that what he said at the seminar went beyond the pale then some sort of censure is certain to follow, but what form it will take will depend entirely upon what legal options are open to us."

Mr Anderton sat in his 10th-floor suite in Greater Manchester police headquarters yesterday refusing to either elaborate on his speech - or withdraw its contents.

A senior officer said the chief constable had been threatened by the hundreds of telephone calls which poured into police headquarters throughout the day supporting his stand.

Mr Anderton, a former

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By Jill Sherman

New government funding for the under fives came under attack yesterday from children's organizations, who dismissed it as a short-term, emergency measure.

In a parliamentary written answer, Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Health, announced a further £50,000 to help play groups, toy libraries and day nurseries when their funding runs out next April.

The groups, which have been financed through the Under Fives Initiative set up by the Government in 1983, are run by voluntary children's organizations.

The aim of the three-year scheme was to increase day care services for young children from families with special needs, such as low-income, one-parent and ethnic minority families.

Mr Newton announced a £400,000 tapering scheme to give local authorities or other local bodies time to take on

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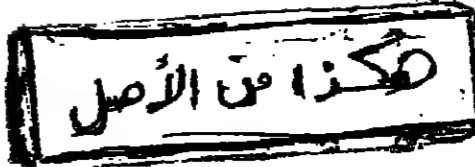
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# Public inquiry into Derbyshire sinking ordered by minister

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

The Department of Transport yesterday ordered a public inquiry to be held into the loss of the bulk carrier Derbyshire, in which 44 people died. It comes less than a month after the department refused requests for an inquiry, but since then the Kowloon Bridge, the 169,000 tonnes deadweight sister ship of the Derbyshire, has been lost off the coast of Ireland. This has increased fears that the ships could have had a common fault, and has greatly reinforced pressure for an inquiry.

The Derbyshire disappeared in a typhoon in the Pacific on September 9, 1980, with the loss of all hands, and without any distress signals being heard or any wreckage found. The Derbyshire was built in 1976, one of six sister ships constructed by Swan Hunter Shipbuilders. Three weeks ago the Kowloon Bridge put into Bantry Bay, on the west coast of Ireland, having suffered damage while crossing the Atlantic. A few days later, while continuing her voyage to Glasgow, the crew had to be lifted off by helicopter, and she

broke up on the coast of Co. Cork. Yesterday Lloyd's of London disclosed that efforts to salvage fuel from the Kowloon Bridge had been discontinued. Relatives of the men who lost their lives on the Derbyshire have been pressing for a public inquiry for years. Mr Albert Sammut, of South Shields, Tyne and Wear, who lost two relatives in the Derbyshire, said that he was "very relieved" there was to be an inquiry. He hoped that it would find out all information relevant to the sinking, and "put our minds to rest, and help my wife, Betty, and I to return to some kind of normality after all these years of anxiety". Mr Neil Rapley, a London banker, whose brother died in the Derbyshire, said: "We are absolutely delighted. It has been a long and hard struggle". Mr Martin Sutton, a solicitor acting for 17 of the bereaved families, said an inquiry would be welcomed by all the families. He thought there were a lot of aspects of the matter which would come into the open. Announcing the decision,



The 91,655-ton bulk carrier Derbyshire, formerly Liverpool Bridge, lost with all hands off Japan six years ago.



Officer cadets from the Women's Royal Army Corps marching in the Sovereign's Parade at Sandhurst yesterday. The parade of 600 cadets was reviewed by General Sir Roland Gray, representing the Queen, on his last day in the Army (Photograph: Peter Trivnor).

## Claims against dismissal Executives' threat to firms

By Ronald Farr, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Companies who dismiss executives for fair or unfair reasons are under pressure to make large out-of-court settlements for fear the aggrieved employee discloses industrial secrets at an industrial tribunal. A settlement that avoids a hearing avoids publicity because hearings are open to the public, whereas a conciliated settlement between the parties is not. The first conciliated settlement worth more than £1 million was reached recently through the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service. Others are known to have nearly reached seven figures, taking into account cash, pension rights and other benefits.

Appearing before a public tribunal limits compensation to £8,000 plus statutory redundancy pay and one year's salary - well below what can be negotiated privately. Acas refused to give any details about its first settlement of about £1 million and there is no direct evidence to suggest that any particular executive was threatening a tribunal hearing merely to put pressure on a company. The Confederation of British Industry said it suspected that the threat of arbitration could be a factor in some compensation claims. "People are well aware of their rights to go to arbitration and where

inside knowledge of a company could be of use in this way." Mr Andrew Hutchinson, principal research executive of the Institute of Directors, said the "misuse value" of a tribunal hearing was well understood in cases where unfair dismissal was claimed. "The reason why this case was so high was probably because the pension entitlement was included which throws in the capital value of several years income." He said that the Acas route to a golden handshake might also be more popular because the legal costs of settling there were much less than a civil court.

## Cold night saved doctor from death

A freezing cold night may have helped to save a doctor's life after her throat was slit in an alleged murder attempt, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday. Dr Madhu Baksh was found in bushes at Keston Ponds, Kent, last January - her neck slashed open so that her voice-box showed. Her husband, Dr John Baksh, is accused of attempting to murder her and also of murdering his first wife, Ruby. Mrs Baksh "miraculously" survived, the jury has been told. "The cold diminished the effect of her wound", Mr Padmanathan Ratnesar, the surgeon who operated on her later, said. He explained that because Mrs Baksh was suffering from hypothermia when she was found by a passer-by, the rate she was losing blood was slowed down. She had also been drugged with morphine "which helped

## Risk for smokers who stop

People who give up smoking still run a considerable risk of suffering a heart attack, doctors said yesterday. Men who stop smoking for more than five years run twice the risk of men who have never smoked, they said. And for those who give up for more than 20 years, some increased risk remains - particularly among former heavy smokers. The findings were based on a study of 7,735 middle-aged men in 24 towns, who took part in the British Regional Heart Study during the past six years. The survey showed that while cigarette smokers had a threefold risk of a heart attack, former smokers had a twofold risk compared with men who have never smoked. Until now it was generally thought that stopping smoking "quickly" reduced the chance of a heart attack. But the latest study, reported in *The Lancet*, found that "the benefit of giving up cigarette smoking is more gradual and less than is widely accepted." "However, giving up prevents the accumulation of more smoking years and hence a still higher risk of a heart attack. "If this is so, it is vital to persuade individuals not to start smoking and to encourage young cigarette smokers to give up as early as possible. "Anyone unable to give up should be encouraged to cut down their consumption," the doctors, led by Professor Gerald Stapper, of the Royal Free Hospital in London, said. The study, financed by the British Heart Foundation, showed that the number of years a person has smoked - not the number of cigarettes now being smoked - determines the risk of a heart attack.

## Gambler who took hostage sent to jail

A compulsive gambler who took a woman customer hostage during a bank robbery was jailed for five years yesterday. Paul Clawson, aged 25, unemployed, of no fixed address, admitted robbing Barclays Bank in Oxford Street, central London, of £1,160 in March. He also admitted having an imitation firearm with intent to commit a robbery. Mr William Boyce, for the prosecution, said Clawson grabbed Mrs Martha Machado, aged 26, and took her hostage. He pushed the revolver into her side and ordered a cashier to fill a bag with money. "You have 30 seconds before I pull the trigger", he told her. Clawson fled, but was chased by Mr Alex Brooker, aged 24, a surveyor, and another customer. At one point, Clawson turned and threatened Mr Brooker who remained undeterred and continued the chase until Clawson got into a taxi. Mr Brooker, who works in the West End, was awarded £50 by Mr Recorder Lord Hooson, QC, for chasing the gunman and noting the index number of the taxi. Mr Boyce said Clawson was arrested the same evening at the White Hermitage Hotel, Exeter Road, Bournemouth. Mr Timothy Sewell, for the defence, said Clawson lived in an "aura of unreality". He was a compulsive gambler and decided to rob the bank because of his debts. "The way he described the robbery does seem to smack of bravado. Perhaps the alias of Matt Striker he gave himself was thinking", Mr Sewell said.

## Two charged over Brinks Mat theft

Mrs Lesley Fleming, whose husband John is wanted by Scotland Yard for questioning about the £26 million Brinks Mat gold bullion robbery, will appear at Horseferry Road magistrates' court in London today charged with dishonestly handling £100,000 in proceeds from the raid. Another man, Mr Brian Perry, aged 48, of Main Road, Biggin Hill, Kent, will also appear charged with dishonestly handling £6 million. Mrs Fleming, aged 33, whose address has been given only as south-east London, was arrested on Thursday and charged at Rochester Row police station. Her husband has been held by US Immigration and Naturalization Service in Miami

## Robberies up by 14% in a year

Robberies increased by 14 per cent in England and Wales in the 12 months up to September compared with the corresponding previous year. They rose from 26,400 to 30,000, according to the Home Office Statistical Bulletin. There was an overall 6 per cent rise in crime recorded by police, disclosing an inexorable increase. The figure is almost unchanged over the years since 1980. Sexual offences rose by 7 per cent, burglaries in dwellings by 7 per cent, and burglaries in other buildings increased by 2 per cent. There was a 10 per cent increase in offences of criminal damage. Thefts from vehicles increased by 16 per cent, thefts of motor vehicles by 11 per cent and thefts from the person by 9 per cent. But thefts from shops fell by 6 per cent. Theft of all kinds is running at an annual total of 1,974,900 recorded offences and burglary at 920,200. Home Office Statistical Bulletin (Statistical Department, Home Office, Lunar House, Croydon, Surrey CR0 9YD; £1.50).

## Landowners seek greater planting

A long-term national forestry policy is called for by the Country Landowners' Association in a report published yesterday. It says that Britain produces only 10 per cent of its needs, although it has some of the best timber-growing land in Europe. Only 10 per cent of Britain's land is under forestry, compared with an EEC average of 22 per cent, and imports in 1984 cost £4 billion. Yet more and more farmland will be freed for other uses as technological advances, the report adds. It says that a forestry programme could meet an increasing demand for timber and timber products; reduce agricultural surpluses; offer a use for unwanted farmland; help to maintain farm incomes and create rural employment opportunities; and enhance the environment. However, the programme would have to be supported by political will born out of favourable public opinion, the association emphasizes. The European Commission has made it clear that it is not prepared to establish another massively dependent industry. The report says: "A forestry

## Man in cells found hanged

A man charged with robbery was found dead, hanging by his jacket in police cells at Caerphilly, five hours after his arrest yesterday. Christopher Michael Bevan, aged 21, unemployed, of Shely Court, Gwynedd, Rhacca Machen, Mid Glamorgan, was charged after a garage attendant was threatened with an axe during a raid. Mr Bevan was found hanging from a beam in the cells at Caerphilly, five hours after his arrest yesterday. He was found by a police officer who was on duty at the time. The coroner at Caerphilly is expected to hold an inquest into the death.

## Grant saves collection

An important art collection at Weston Park, Staffordshire, historic home of the Earl of Bradford, has been saved from dispersal by an injection of £7.5 million from the National Heritage Memorial Fund. The arrangement, announced yesterday, is the latest of three deals made possible by a £25 million government grant. The intensification of agriculture in the interests of national self-sufficiency has tarnished the farmer's image. Politically the landowner and farmer have much to gain from a forestry programme that enriched the landscape, provided for public enjoyment and invigorated the local economy. Forestry and the Landowner (Country Landowners' Association, 16 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PQ; £3).

## Arrest of couple was unlawful judge rules

A couple who sued the police for wrongful arrest during a murder inquiry in which their son was a suspect, have won their High Court action. Mrs Sarah Holtham, aged 45, and her husband, William, aged 49, of Upper Francis Street, Abertridwr, near Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan, claimed damages against the Metropolitan Police and Det Chief Insp Derek Croft. After listening to legal submissions yesterday, Mr Justice Pain told the jury that they had no power to try the issue of whether the couple had been lawfully or unlawfully arrested. It was a matter he had to decide and he ruled that the police had acted unlawfully. On Monday, the judge will direct the jury on compensatory damages and they will return to assess the amount. Mr and Mrs Holtham were arrested at their home in November 1980 by police investigating the murder of a homosexual in London, in which their son, Gareth, was a suspect. They were questioned in custody in London for four days, but not charged. Police believed the couple had been instrumental in the disposal or destruction of stolen stereo equipment, a vital clue in the murder of Anthony Bird in June 1980. The couple denied that any stereo equipment had come into their house or that their son had been at home at the time claimed. The police denied Mr and Mrs Holtham's claim that they were not cautioned or told they were being arrested or why they were being arrested. They said they had reasonable grounds for taking the couple into custody and acted lawfully.

## Portfolio Gold - Clergyman blessed with win

A canon from Nottinghamshire was among the three winners who shared yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio Gold prize. Canon Ralph Wheaton, of The Vicarage, Blyth, Worksop, said his £1,333 win would "probably be put away for a rainy day". He has worked at Blyth for five years, having previously been based in Leicestershire. Canon Wheaton, aged 54, shared yesterday's prize with Mrs Clare Burgess, of Albury, near Tring, Hertfordshire, and Mr John Chrystal, of Wandswoth, south London. Mr Chrystal, aged 74, a widower, said: "I never expected to win" when he learnt of his success. He said he planned to draw up "a long list of things I want, because I have no idea at the moment". Mr Chrystal, who worked in a patents office before he retired, has been a regular reader of *The Times* for more than 20 years. Readers who wish to play the game can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to: Portfolio Gold, *The Times*, PO Box 40, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.



Canon Ralph Wheaton, saying his win for a rainy day.

## Wider range of cancer aid

The range of jobs in which workers receive benefit if they develop lung cancer as a result of working conditions is to be extended from next year. In a Commons written reply yesterday, Mr John Major, Minister for Social Security, said the Government was to extend the benefit to tin miners, workers exposed to the chemical BCMC, and those affected by the dust of zinc chromate, calcium chromate and strontium chromate.

## Court clears catapult man

A squirrel hunter had a conviction for possessing offensive weapons quashed by the High Court yesterday. It ruled that Mr Anthony Southwell, aged 24, of Southampton, had a legitimate use for his "Black Widow" catapult and a 12in knife. Mr Southwell said he hunted squirrels to feed birds of prey, which he kept under licence.

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## New presenter

Janice Long, the Radio One disc jockey, takes over on Monday as a television presenter on BBC 1's *Open Air* for three weeks until January 9.

## Judges too pompous, says judge

Britain's judges were accused yesterday of being pompous - by a judge. Judge Goodall, recently criticized as being "sexist", told barristers and officials at Plymouth Crown Court that he had always "tried to avoid the besetting sin of judges - pomposity". He said: "We call it judicialism." Judge Goodall, retiring after 19 years on the bench, said lawyers sometimes failed to realize that for some people appearing in court was an ordeal and "I have tried to lessen that ordeal". He was criticized by feminists after telling a woman driver recently that she should have "switched on the charm" when stopped by a policeman.

## Duchess's father in path battle

Major Ronald Ferguson, father of the Duchess of York, wants a bridge path diverted away from his home in the village of Dummer, Hampshire, a court was told yesterday. He would also like the whole of a pathway from the village of Dummer to neighbouring Popham to be closed to vehicular traffic. Yesterday Hampshire County Council applied to Basingstoke magistrates to lift a diversion order imposed two years ago after research by a local resident discovered that the path was, in fact, an ancient highway with full vehicular rights. The application is opposed by several organizations and private individuals. The case continues.

## Rape case highlights a growing trend

More people than ever before are taking out private prosecutions. Such actions were practically unheard of in the first half of this century. The case of the doctor who was yesterday cleared at Chelmsford Crown Court after being accused on a private prosecution of raping a girl aged eight is just the latest in a growing trend. In February this year Mr Ray Williams, a motor fitter, and his wife, Pauline, won a three-year fight to jail the man they blamed for the drug death of their son, John, aged 19. Gary Austin, aged 25, received a 15-month sentence for manslaughter after a jury at St Albans Crown Court found him guilty of unlawfully killing John and maliciously administering the drug, Palfium, so as to endanger life. After the incident, in September 1982, the Director of Public Prosecutions had advised police that there was insufficient evidence to bring charges. But the youth's parents, of Luton, Bedfordshire, were prepared to spend about £16,000 of their savings getting the case to court. The DPP finally stepped in after magistrates at Luton committed Austin for trial. The DPP also took over the case of Mr Eric Hatcher, aged 32, a roof fitter, who died after a scuffle with George Miller, aged 54, a public house landlord, in autumn 1985. Mr Hatcher's family had taken out a private prosecution after the DPP initially decided against prosecution. Miller was jailed for 18 months at Maidstone Crown Court in April 1986 for manslaughter. The Glasgow rape case of May 1982 - the first successful private prosecution in Scotland since 1909 - had political as well as legal repercussions. It led to the resignation of the Tory MP, Mr Nicholas Fairbairn, as Solicitor General for Scotland and ended with Joseph Sweeney, aged 18, being sentenced to 12 years in a young offenders' institution. Mr Fairbairn resigned after speaking to the press in defence of the Lord Advocate's decision not to prosecute three youths accused of raping the victim. It led to the resignation of the Tory MP, Mr Nicholas Fairbairn, as Solicitor General for Scotland and ended with Joseph Sweeney, aged 18, being sentenced to 12 years in a young offenders' institution. Mr Fairbairn resigned after speaking to the press in defence of the Lord Advocate's decision not to prosecute three youths accused of raping the victim. After the Lord Advocate's ruling, the rape victim - who needed 168 stitches for facial

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# Tom Thumb's carriage sells for £77 an inch



A miniature phaeton used to transport a 25-in tall "general" on a European tour in the last century was sold in London yesterday for £3,190. Charles Sherwood Stratton (below), christened General Tom Thumb by P T Barnum, the American showman who organized the tour, stopped growing when he was five months old. During his 1844 tour he was presented to Queen Victoria. The 41-in long carriage was sold, at a price of more than £77 per inch, to an unnamed private buyer.



Clare Valder, an assistant at Christie's, with the 41-in long carriage which sold for £3,190 (Photograph: Paul Lovelace), and the tiny general it conveyed.

## BBC plea for world TV service

By Jonathan Miller  
Media Correspondent

The BBC said yesterday that it would be a tragedy if the Government rejects its request for financial support to launch a world television news service.

Mr John Tusa, director of BBC External Services, said there was "no excuse in 1986 for not being aware of the power of transnational television".

The BBC has asked the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for up to £3 million a year for its global news plan, which is intended to put the corporation into the forefront of a rapidly developing market for international programme exchanges which is at present dominated by the Americans.

The news programmes, which would include sport, business news and global weather reports, would be beamed by satellite to television stations and cable networks around the world, and would also be seen on either BBC1 or BBC2, the corporation said.

The BBC said the Government's investment in the service would be minimal, and the benefits to Britain considerable. The £1.2 million start-up cost of the project could be met from reserve funds already held by the BBC.

Runoing costs would be offset by fees to be paid by foreign broadcasters which make use of the programmes, the BBC said.

The corporation said interest in the project has already been expressed by broadcasters in North America, Australia, Japan, Europe, Singapore and Hong Kong.

Later, the BBC hopes that the service could be transmitted on powerful direct broadcasting satellites, permitting the programmes to be picked up by individual viewers equipped with small dish aerials.

The BBC plan is opposed by Independent Television News, which has asked the Government to put out the contract to provide the service to competitive bidding.

The BBC request for government support is being examined by Foreign Office ministers. The project could go ahead within six months of being approved by the Government.

## Motor industry Land Rover offers first nine-day fortnight deal

Workers on the shop floor at Land Rover were offered the first nine-day working fortnight in the British motor industry yesterday.

In a radical package of proposals, the company also put forward a plan to introduce a quality bonus for workers, which would be based on feedback from customers.

Land Rover management formally replied to a £21-a-week pay claim from union leaders representing 6,000 manual workers at the company's headquarters at Solihull, and Freight Rover in Birmingham, both West Midlands.

The company wants to introduce a two-year deal to operate from January 1. The offer would take typical basic weekly rates up from £141.66 to £152.50 by the second year.

There is an existing bonus scheme which pays up to £30 a week, but the deal proposes a new customer quality rating in which a further £10 weekly

bonus could be paid. The nine-day fortnight would mean workers getting every second Friday off, but working an extra 40 minutes per shift. It would mean an extra 22 days off a year, almost doubling the present allowance.

The company also proposes giving staff status to its hourly paid employees, with better sick and holiday pay entitlements, and some security against layoffs.

The proposals were put to trade union negotiators yesterday.

### Production target reached by Nissan

Nissan, the Japanese car maker, has reached full production at its factory in the United Kingdom, five months after the first Bluebird rolled off the assembly line.

The £50 million plant, employing 740 at Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, is now turning out 95 cars a day, meeting the target for 24,000 a year for

the first phase of the development. A £300 million expansion will increase production to 100,000 and the workforce to 2,700 by 1991.

Mr Ian Gibson, production control director, yesterday described the achievement as unprecedented in Britain. It had come just over two years after the start of the plant's construction.

He said: "Right from the start our operation has been meticulously planned and the only unexpected features have been pleasant ones, faster enrolment of local component suppliers and even greater commitment from our workforce."

The total of 27 British component suppliers when the plant was officially opened by Mrs Thatcher last September had been increased to 58, with a further nine in mainland Europe, he said.

It was likely there would be a 50 per cent local content within the first year of production.

## Money for Childline trickles in

Money has started to arrive at the Childline offices in London after Thursday's appeal for funds from Esther Rantzen, the television personality.

She has given a warning that the new help line for abused children will have to close in February unless more money is made available.

A spokesman for the charity said yesterday: "We could do with someone like Paul Getty stepping in to help us."

## Hindley talks to police chief

The man leading the inquiry into the disappearance of two children 20 years ago had a two-hour meeting yesterday with Myra Hindley, serving a life sentence for the moors murders.

Det Chief Supt Peter Topping and Mr Michael Fisher, Hindley's solicitor, refused to answer questions as they left Cookham Wood Prison, Rochester, Kent.

## Museum cash is increased

The Government is giving £3,896,000 more to museums next year Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, announced yesterday. He said in a Commons written reply that this was a 3.8 per cent rise to nearly £107.8 million.

## Driver jailed

Vincent Price, aged 23, a car salesman, of Glossops Parade, Glossops Green, Crawley, West Sussex, whose car crashed into a police vehicle killing a police officer in Putney, south-west London, was jailed for two years and banned from driving for 10 years, at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

## Verdict date

The Court of Appeal decision on the appeal by Margaret Livesey, of Bamber Bridge, Lancashire, against conviction for the murder of her son Alan, aged 14, will be given on Tuesday.

## Singer divorce

Grace Kennedy, the singer, yesterday ended her four-year marriage to Mr Robert Winsor, a businessman. She was awarded a special procedure decree at the London Divorce Court.

## Vets condemn cut in research funds

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The British Veterinary Association said yesterday that it was appalled to learn of further cuts in government funding for research into animal diseases.

The cuts mean that all work on cattle lameness, a painful and distressing condition which afflicts about a quarter of all dairy cows each year, would cease. The association has also listed as funding priorities mucosal disease, which causes abortions and genetic defects; and infectious bronchitis in poultry. The importance of continuing research had been emphasized by the Government's advisory body, the Farm Animal Welfare Council.

"If the Minister of Agriculture will not listen to his own advisers, who will be listened to?" Mr Bernard Wells, the association's president, said yesterday.

The association had protested many times at severe reductions in funding, which

were likely to make the Institute for Research on Animal Diseases, at Compton, near Newbury in Berkshire, no longer viable.

The association also expressed "deep concern" about the future of the six veterinary schools at British universities. It said that in the light of the proposed reduction in the intake of students from 335 to 302 a year, it was convinced of the need for a full inquiry into the future of veterinary education.

The association yesterday urged people not to put pets on their Christmas present lists. All too many Christmas pets ended up in animal rescue homes early in the new year, once the novelty had worn off and the responsibilities of pet ownership dawned, it said.

Recent publicity on "puppy farms" and "puppy supermarkets" had helped to highlight indiscriminate dog breeding and the uncontrolled supply of pups for sale.

## Mix-up in blood led to death

A hospital launched an investigation yesterday after an inquest was told that an elderly man died after he was given blood of the wrong type.

Mr Fred Goodwin, aged 85, of Broom Acres, Sandhurst, Berkshire, suffered a kidney failure on November 11 after the mix-up of blood samples at Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, the inquest was told.

Doctor Paul Unwin, a newly qualified doctor, admitted he made a blunder.

The East Berkshire coroner, Mr Robert Wilson, was told by Dr Unwin that he had been trained in an area with a high immigrant population where doctors were taught to identify samples using the date of birth because of the risk of confusion over similar-sounding names.

But in this case Mr Goodwin's neighbour in the hospital ward was also born in November 1900 which led to the fatal error.

Dr Edmund Hemsted, a pathologist, said Mr Goodwin had heart and lung trouble and the blood mix-up had been the "crowning glory". The coroner recorded that death was due to natural causes.

# Formal inquiry into loss of the Derbyshire announced

There is to be a formal investigation into the disappearance of the bulk carrier Derbyshire, which sank six years ago with the loss of all 44 crew, Mr Michael Spicer, Under Secretary of State for Transport, announced in a statement to the Commons, the ship was held in Liverpool, the ship's home port, the minister said.

He said the decision followed receipt of the inspector's report into the condition of the sister bulk carrier, the Kowloon Bridge, while at anchor in Bantry Bay on November 20. A second report had been commissioned into the sub-sequent loss of the Kowloon Bridge on November 22, after it sailed from the harbour.

He said: In my statement to the House on November 25 I referred to the possible link between the damage suffered by the Kowloon Bridge and the loss of the Derbyshire, one of her sister ships which disappeared in the Pacific in 1980 with the loss of 44 lives.

I undertook to consider whether, in the light of the loss of the Kowloon Bridge, there might be a case for holding a formal investigation into the loss of the Derbyshire.

The inspector's report contains details of cracks and distortion to the deck and hatch coverings of the Kowloon Bridge and other damage sustained during the voyage across the Atlantic. The report concludes there was no evidence of design difficulties or structural failure of the kind which might have caused the loss of the Derbyshire.

However, I recognize that more than one interpretation of these findings might be possible. I also recognize that the subsequent loss of one of her sister ships has increased public concern about the unexplained loss of the Derbyshire, which was reflected on both sides of the House on November 25.

In these circumstances I have decided that a formal investigation into the loss of the Derbyshire should be held.

## More support among MPs for Nimrod warning system

A statement on the competition between the Boeing and Nimrod early-warning systems for the Royal Air Force will be made next week, the Commons was told during a debate on defence production and exports.

Opening the debate, Mr Robert Hayward (Kingswood, C) said that the defence industry played a major role in the prosperity of the country with employment in it running at £2,900 million, more than 5 per cent of British manufactured exports.

He moved that the House note the importance for jobs and exports of the British defence industry and welcome the Government's continuing support for the industry.

Mr Lewis (Epsom, C) said that he wished to defend GEC's Nimrod, as opposed to the Boeing Awacs, as an early-warning system. He was the only MP present who had flown Nimrod and used the equipment. If the Nimrod equipment were not utilized it would be an act of vandalism. The problem of screen "clutter" had been overcome. "We were able to identify individual targets," he said.

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Mr Paddy (Yeovil, L) said that it was now time for the Government to stop shilly-shallying about what orders it wanted to give to Westland. Delay undermined Westland's capacity to be able to take advantage of its current position in the market.

The Drops (decontaminant rack offloading pickup system) contract was necessary if the British

Army was to be able to fulfil its tasks in Europe and if the needed re-supply of ammunition was to be obtained.

But the order for Drops also involved an awaiting export abroad, to the Soviet Union. Boughtons, of Amersham, in Buckinghamshire, which had done much of the original work, had been excluded. The Government had given the contract to Eoden and Scammell.

What concerned him was that Multilift, one of the primary contractors, had come up with a solution to the system but a re-assembly to the system put forward by Boughton and developed it for military application.

What was not known was that Multilift itself had a parent company in Finland called Partek. This firm supplied to the Soviet state track manufacturers similar hydraulic lifting systems.

"It is evident that that contractor chosen by the Government is also a contractor for similar systems to the Soviet Union, probably to the Soviet Army. How can we be assured that the advantages that Drops will give to the British Army will not quickly become available to the Soviet Union as well?"

Mr Kevin (McNamara, an Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament, said that in 1977 all sides of the House agreed to go forward with Nimrod. That decision having been made they should not now be throwing good money after an American system and discarding what they already had built and available.

Boughton had over the past 12 years spent about £4 million on designing its own ammunition and equipment carrier for the Army. Despite this, in 1983 it was not selected to take part in feasibility studies.

They all knew that Boughton did not get the contract. A lot of controversy surrounded it. He was not competent to judge whether or not that was a right decision in terms of the Army's requirement and whether Drops came up to it.

There were allegations of impropriety in the handling of the Drops contract. He had been

whether a formal inquiry would produce new evidence about the Derbyshire. There had never been any question of the Government not wishing to have maximum information about the disappearance. The problem had been how to get information about a ship that went down without trace and whether a formal investigation would add to the amount of information.

Mr Peter Pike (Burnley, Lab) said that the minister had written to him just a week before the sinking of the Kowloon Bridge, indicating all the difficulties over holding an investigation into the loss of the Derbyshire. Did he now believe those difficulties could be overcome and that the investigation would be genuine?

Mr Spicer said that the difficulties remained. There would be a long process of formal investigation where, it had to be said, it was difficult to see what new information would be forthcoming. His decision had been based on what had been said in the House and on the findings in the inspector's report.

That had brought him to the view that there was just enough to cause not in the inspector's or Government's minds, doubts of interpretation for there to be a formal investigation. It had been a finely balanced judgement.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said that the minister should not be getting compliments for setting up the inquiry. "It has been dragged out of him." Would proper compensation be paid to the families of the crew of the Derbyshire?

Mr Spicer said that Mr Skinner really was up the creek on the question of compensation, because the Government had given full indemnification to British shipbuilders against any future legal action over the Derbyshire at the time that Swan Hunter had been privatized.



Spicer: Inquiry in home port of Liverpool

suade the Government to hold a formal investigation.

"While nothing can compensate for the loss of (those) who died, this news today will be the best Christmas present the families of the crew could receive.

"May I on behalf of the seafaring unions, the families of those who were lost, and colleagues on both sides of the House, thank the minister for his statement."

Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, L) said that 17 of the Derbyshire's crew had come from Liverpool and asked if the inquiry could take place there.

Mr Spicer said that the inquiry would be in Liverpool as it had been the ship's home port.

The only issue had been

told that Boughton's chairman had been warned that the consequences to the company would be disastrous if they were publicly to complain about the M.D. The House was entitled to answers to these questions.

Mr Archibald Hamilton, Under Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, said that in transporting large quantities of ammunition to the battlefield, the Drops system, an extremely sophisticated ship, had become necessary because new weapons took shells twice the old size and fired at twice the rate. The weapons also needed replenishing five times as quickly as previously planned.

Referring to the comments about Multilift made by Mr Ashdown, he said the company had developed the technology which the Army required. It was therefore sensible to use it. What else the company did with that technology was a matter for them.

Of Boughton's part in the contract, he said the company had been one of 70 in the original tenders and had been among the final 11 considered. This final group had all been subjected to extensive and comprehensive testing before the contracts were awarded. Boughton had not been successful.

Their disappointment was understandable, but they remained valued contractors in Ministry of Defence business and they would assuredly be more successful on other occasions. His department looked forward to doing business with them in the future.

On the airborne early warning system, he said that the Secretary of State, Mr George Younger, would make an announcement next week. The final decision would be taken only after the fullest consideration of all the relevant factors including technical, commercial, industrial and operational.

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SATURDAY

A weekly guide to leisure, entertainment and the arts

December 13-19

It's the way they write them

The one about the comedy writer and the comic is no joke, as Bryan Appleyard discovered

Barry Cryer is speaking during a break in rehearsals for Russ Abbott's Christmas show. "We are hacks," he says. A happy, glazed look comes over the face of his partner Neil Shand, a sure sign that a gag is coming on.

"This pun is hire," murmurs Shand. Cryer grins, thereby encouraging Shand to follow with: "We shoot from the quip."

Comedy is a small world. Almost all variety show gags are turned out by a tiny freemasonry of perhaps eight men, usually working alone, sometimes in partnership. With Christmas round the corner, this cottage industry is working double time to fill the demand for one-liners, sketches and jolly mini-pantos.

This little Brotherhood exists to feed the voracious appetite of television. Broadcast comedy and variety shows consume material at a terrifying rate. Where once Max Miller could keep the same 20-minute spot going for 18 months around the theatrical circuit, now gag-writers see ten times that amount vanish in a weekend's viewing. So the primary qualification for admission to the Brotherhood of gagsters is an ability to improvise endlessly, and quickly, on the handful of basic formulae.

The key trick is to be unafraid of the blindingly familiar. For Russ Abbott, for example, Cryer and Shand had put together a mini-Sherlock Holmes pantomime. The character of Baskerville was played by a leggy lady in tights and high heels. The script had Abbott/Holmes muttering to Watson: "Are you sure Baskerville's a man?" In rehearsal, Cryer honed this to a desperately whispered: "I think I'm beginning to fancy Baskerville." A small dimension of gay innuendo was added and the gag was, as they say in the trade, "pointed". It's not great but it was on time and it slotted effortlessly into the Abbott rhythm. And above all, it works, just as it did 20 or even 50 years ago, evoking a few gruff giggles from the usually unamused studio technicians. The truth is that in comedy there is nothing new under the sun. Or, as Shand puts it, "Woody Allen can substitute a psychi-



Once a pun a time on the box: comedian Kenny Everett plays it for laughs and passes up the limelight in favour of Neil Shand (centre) and Barry Cryer, two long-serving, hardened brothers of the light stuff

atrist for his mother-in-law, but it's the same gag."

The inner gag-writing ring are all hacks of a certain age. Most are in their fifties and share a common heritage of theatrical variety, cabaret and radio. Their cultural roots are in Max Miller, *Take it from Here*, *Much Binding in the Marsh* and *Danny La Rue*. In the Sixties they lurched uncertainly into television. Their stepping stone was *The Frost Report*, the first show to feature in its credits lengthy lists of writers. At that point, of course, they were the avant-garde, fearless satirists hell-bent on overturning the cosy world of show-biz.

Frank Muir, regarded along with Denis Norden as one of

the elders of the profession, recalls: "Before the war comedy writers simply did not exist. In those days Ted Ray might be appearing at the Palladium. Just before the show a taxi driver would pull up at the stage door and offer Ray a sheet of jokes. He would be given a pound and a pork pie in return."

But during the war a star was born in the form of Ted Kavanagh, who made his name as a writer for the radio show *ITMA*. The writer had just made it on to the credits. For the first time a show was regarded as a writer's success. Subsequently the demand came from radio, which began to reveal the sheer quantity of material required.

Television variety, says Muir, began as shows in which comics were simply expected to turn up with their own material. But then the shows became produced as complete entities rather than randomly assembled turns, and writers had to be hired.

Material began to pour in from all sides from aspiring hacks and, since nobody knew until the last minute what precisely was going into the show, the endless list of writers' credits was born: it was easier than working out precisely who had written what each week.

Meanwhile, being hell-bent on overturning anything was proving to be a chaotic method of subscribing to the pension scheme and, as fearlessness went out of fashion, the fastest and most reliable of the survivors went on to produce more timeless material for the likes of Morecambe and Wise, the Two Ronnies, Cannon and Ball, Little and Large and Mike Yarwood.

These mainstream, high-rating comics provide the bread and butter for the Brotherhood. Watch the credits of their shows and the same names recur. And so do the gags, for these guys are dealing strictly in universals. Once topicality and satire are left behind all that remains is the human condition, and that means cock-ups, sex, drinks and mothers-in-law.

Bryan Blackburn, writer and associate producer of LWT's *Cannon & Ball*, recalls that writers and comics used to carry huge ledgers around with them. These would contain, in alphabetical order, headings of possible gag subjects - bow-legs, for example. Under each heading would be a series of handy one-liners. Thus: "She was so bow-legged, she could walk on both sides of the street at once."

This practice seems to have disappeared as no ledger could be large enough to satisfy the appetite of television. But the principle remains intact. You

start with a subject-heading and work from there. So Blackburn may urgently require material for the LWT show *Copycats*. He will ring up Spike Mullins, one of the Brotherhood, and ask for, say, six one-liners on the subject of Joan Collins. Next morning they will arrive to be delivered as if off the top of the head by one of the stars.

Speed and reliability is of the essence. Mullins does not respond by saying he is feeling a touch depressed and, indeed, Blackburn himself speaks proudly of the time he rushed back from his father's funeral to knock off a script for Jimmy Tarbuck while his guests consumed the baked meats downstairs. His latest feat has been a four-minute sketch for the *Cannon & Ball* Christmas show in the 35-minute train journey from Leatherhead to Waterloo.

Blackburn's acceleration was improved during the seven years he spent working in America, where he used to be phoned at two in the morning by Bob Hope asking for half a dozen one-liners on golf to be delivered at a lunch the next day.

But perhaps the best-known writer the industry has produced is Eddie Braben. Single-handedly, he wrote 250 shows for *Morecambe and Wise* in 16 years, including the high-

est-rating variety show ever - an *M and W Christmas show* which drew 27 million viewers.

Braben's scripts emerged from his monk-like seclusion in Liverpool. He refused to visit the recording studios and always resisted any attempt to draw him into the gin and tonic world of show business - "I don't drink anyway."

He admits he was for a time the highest-paid writer in Britain. This is unusual, as everybody else is distinctly coy on the subject of money. Somebody mentioned the average one-liner getting £25 but there is little doubt that once you are part of the inner circle, the rewards are high.

But Braben says that at any time there are only a handful of people who can put together a whole variety show - which may consume 20 ideas, as opposed to the one required for a successful sitcom. And he is convinced that nobody can write comedy properly until they are at least 40: "You've got to have seen everything in life, the good things and the bad things. These shows that have 20 writers each have to do that because there are so few people who can put the whole thing together." Braben himself is 56 and, sadly, has not written anything this Christmas.

BROTHERHOOD OF FUNNY MEN



A gaggle of laughs: Vesburgh, Blackburn, Mullins

Opinions vary about the precise composition of the Brotherhood: John Sullivan (*Just Good Friends*, *Only Fools and Horses*), for example, is regarded as one of the lads but his speciality is sitcom, not variety. The following, however, represent the core.

Dick Vesburgh: *Frost Report* veteran. Convinced Marxist - specifically Groucho - and renowned for his ability to provide material on the spot.

Barry Cryer: "A good old workhorse," says Muir. At his best in partnerships. Wider experience than most thanks to his own work as a stand-up comic.

Garry Chambers: Master of the one-liner. Entered the business as an Eddie Braben protégé. Used to sit in when Braben was writing for Ken Dodd, furiously making notes and learning the ropes. Wrote for Bob Hope on his English visits.

Charlie Addams: Along with Chambers, one of the main one-line men and also

one of Hope's writers. A relative newcomer who has only taken to writing full time in the last few years.

Bryan Blackburn: Now the brains behind *Cannon & Ball*, a talent honed by seven years in American television. Has always combined writing with production work and is now associate producer of the show.

Eric Davidson: Gags with a London slant. "A bit blue," says Muir, but has a fine radio pedigree from his days writing for *Round the Home* and *Beyond our Ken*. Men behind Mike Yarwood at his best.

Neil Shand: Exclusively employed by the BBC. A topical specialist, he thinks in terms of headlines, largely because of his Fleet Street background. Veteran of Spike Milligan's *G5*.

Spike Mullins: Master of the monologue after his work for Ronnie Corbett. "Brilliant, original-minded and a little eccentric," says Blackburn.

The industry's problem is that it is difficult to be sure who will succeed these late-middle-aged, hardened, professional funsters. On the one hand there is a superficial timelessness about the material which suggests it will go on appearing from somewhere more or less forever. On the other it is all very obviously rooted in the theatrical and radio traditions from which the current writers sprang.

Russ Abbott's spoof pantomime, for example, is based on the assumption that the audience knows the pantomime conventions.

From within the Brotherhood there are two distinct reactions to this problem, depending on the degree of paranoia involved. John Junkin, for example, who is currently working on Mike Yarwood's show for Thames, simply says he is not aware of the newcomers or who they might be. Cryer, however, draws parallels between his development from *The Frost Report* to Kenny Everett and the likely route to be taken by the writers of *Spitting Image* or the performers on *Saturday Night Live*. He can even identify the new wave in terms of the past.

"Ben Elton is a sort of latterday Arthur English with his line of patter. Rik Mayall is the new Max Wall and Ade Edmondson is Norman Wisdom all over again," he says. "And these guys are often getting a tougher theatrical training. Ben Elton does a two-hour spot in the theatre. Max Miller would never have done more than 25 minutes."

Generally, the *Spitting Image* team, led by John Lloyd, Rob Grant and Doug Naylor, are looked upon as the likeliest successors to the comic crown. But their shows still rely on the jokes relentlessly sent in by polytechnic students slaving away and dreaming of greatness in their digs. If every professional gag-writer died tomorrow, this steady flood would still allow some kind of show to be put together.

The top names as a whole believe that the new wave will have to snap out of its youthful satirical role and move into the mainstream. For the pure, clear flow of popular comedy is felt to remain the same from one generation to the next. It is a process which Muir, who is currently into his sixth year of work on the *Oxford Book of Humorous Prose*, believes has gone on for a good 500 years. "The surface texture changes," he says, "but the underlying themes remain the same."

The truth of this is demonstrated by the fact that if you ask the hacks to tell you their favourite jokes, they are not so much funny as exemplary. Too familiar to provoke

a giggle, they encapsulate a timeless view of the world.

So Blackburn speaks nostalgically of the line from a Mullins monologue written for Ronnie Corbett about a relative who died at Custer's last stand. He wasn't in the fight, he just went along to complain about the noise. Meanwhile John Junkin still

giggles about little Johnny, who told the teacher he had not written anything for the farm project but he would do some farmyard sounds. Invited to proceed, he yelled: "Get off that bloody tractor." Well, suit yourself; it's the way they tell them.

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SATURDAY

Oh come, all ye faithful - a selection of carol services around the country, p 9

Table listing various Saturday activities: Arts Diary, Bridge, Chess, Concerts, Crossword, Dance, Drink, Eating Out, Films, Galleries, Gardening, Opera, Photography, Radio, Review, Rock & Jazz, Shopping, Television, Times Cook, Travel, TV & Radio, TV films.



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TRAVEL

Blowing in tourists on the winds of war

Something has gone very wrong in the main concourse of the airport. It is full of people, but there is hardly a woman in sight, nor for that matter anyone over 40.

With the Argentinians swept from its shores, the Falklands is preparing for new invaders - package holidaymakers.

Alan Franks writes from the battlefield

It is also peculiarly quiet, not just because there are very few announcements coming over the Tannoy, but because there is a total absence of those urgent airport-lounge conversations that blend into a muted clamour.

The war, but to make no mention of it would not only be difficult, but verging on the dishonest, for had it not been for General Galtieri's attempt at hegemony four-and-a-half years ago, I would not be here this week.

and up to my left on the flock wallpaper hangs a peculiar object - three long strands of twined leather, each one attached to a weight the size of a cricket ball.

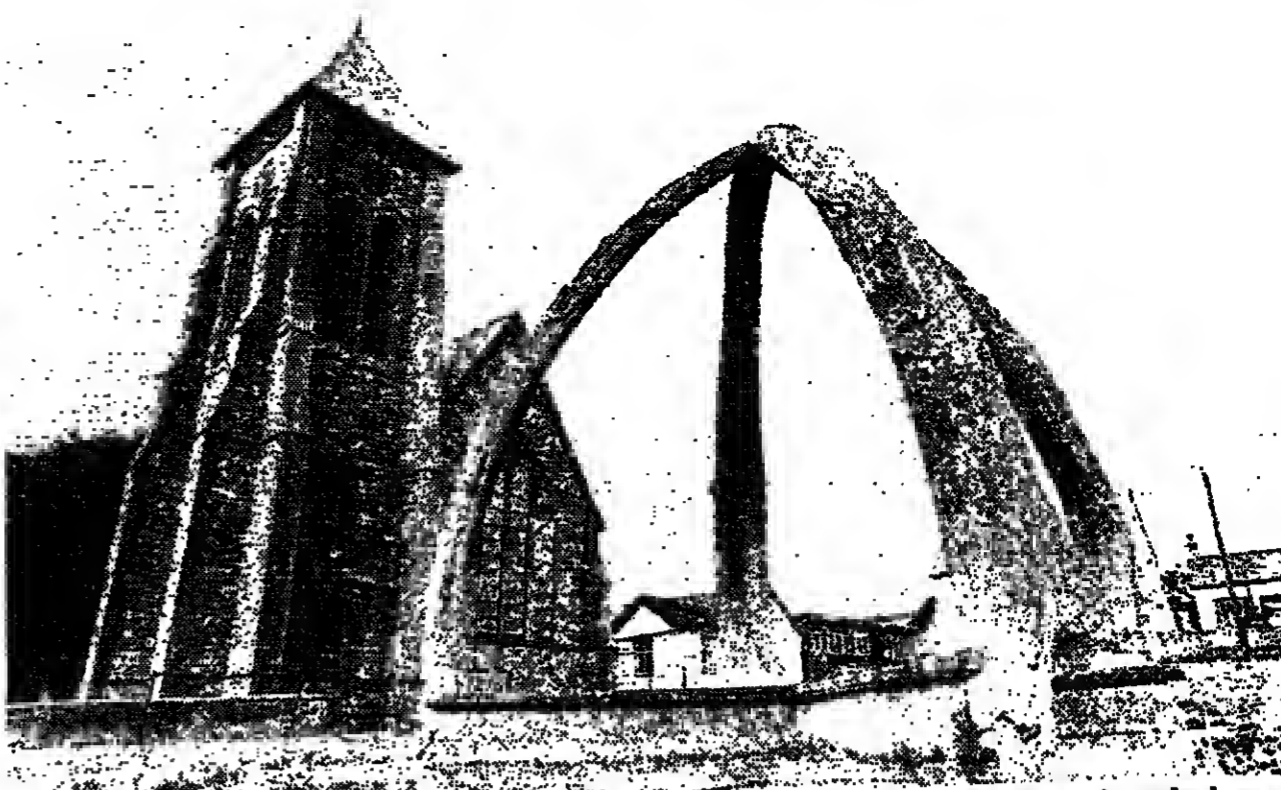
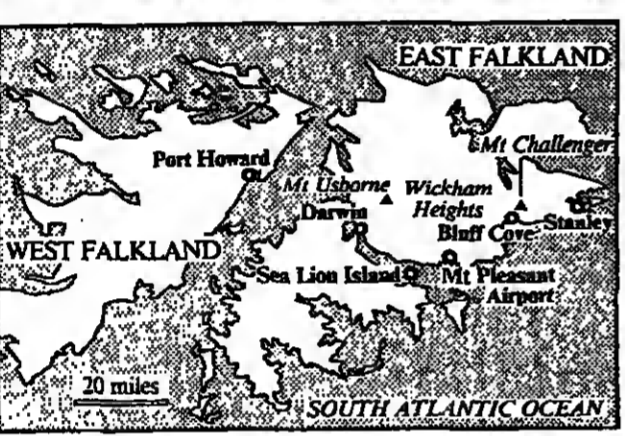
One of the very reasons the Falklands are offering themselves as a holiday destination is the late conflict, call it moribund nostalgia, but the British can always be relied upon to savour the rubble of their own military actions.

It seems more adamantly English than England by the use of its very destination. The hall panels have a walnut veneer, on which hang heavy bold fire extinguishers and a display case of polished tins.

'An internal vastness of rugged hills'

tune of Housewives' Choice from the local station in Stanley. The pins on the plug are round and the books on the shelves are mostly from Blackie, the Children's Press or World Books, usually costing 16 shillings.

Stanley itself is much as it was during the war, and there is not a great deal more to be said about it. The main difference is that it is now reverting fast to a demilitarized zone as the last troops decamp from their floating accommodation, or "coastals", to the Mount Pleasant garrison.



Tower of strength: the Cathedral at Port Stanley with its giant whale jawbone, a stark contrast to the town's wooden houses

of blue palings, protected from the sheep by an outer perimeter of barbed wire. Inside is the grave of Susan Whitley, a lover of this island, who was killed during the Stanley bombardment.

'The sky and land animated by a thousand dramas'

account of the Falklander, which sounds like a hybrid of every colonial influence you can think of.

one of the classic hams, is playing decoy and pretending to have broken her wing so that I should chase her and not her new brood of young.

what it is to those many Falklanders who have never set foot outside the islands. It is rich in a plant life peculiar to the Falklands (pale maiden, silver leaf, ranunculus, balsam-bog, tea berry, and many more): the plants and flowers often make a successful transition to English soil.

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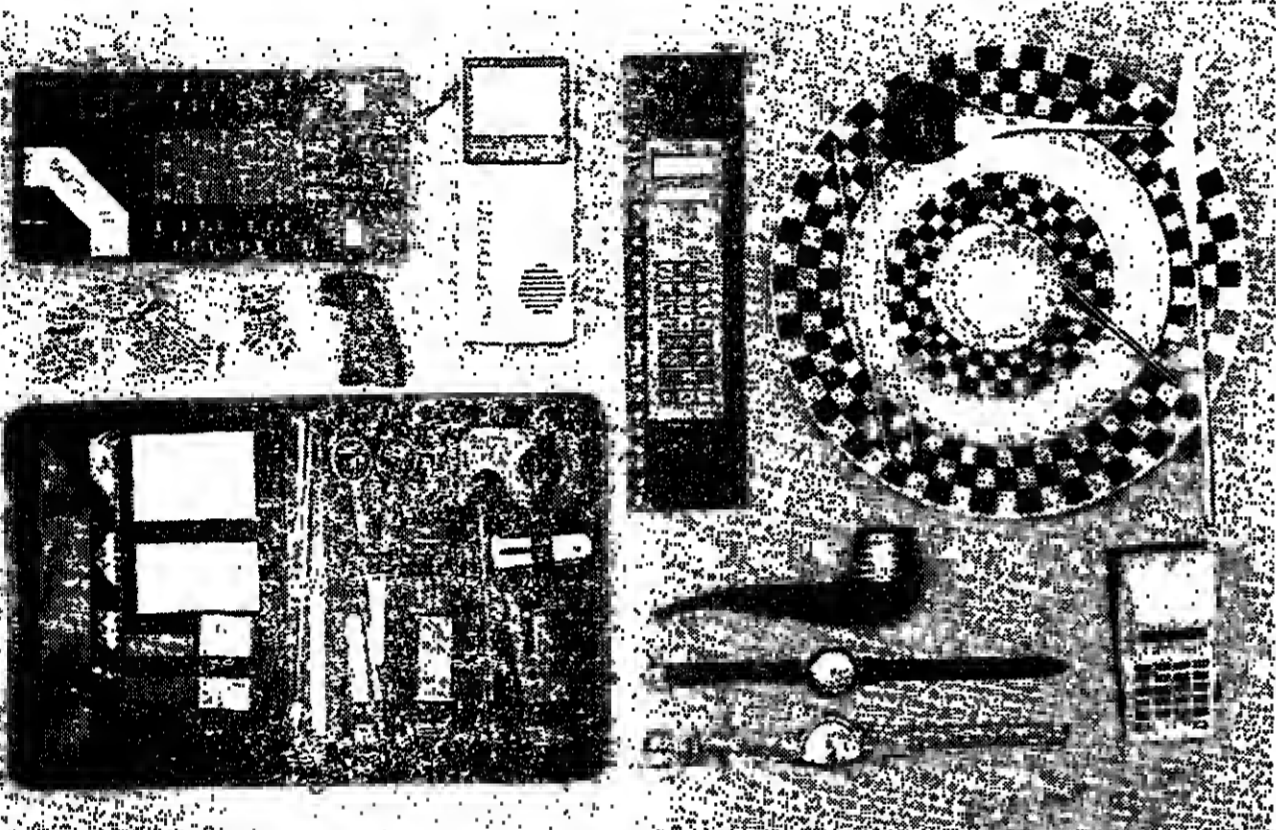


**CHRISTMAS PAST** (back row): Tintin book, £4.95, The Courran Shop, Fulham Road. Complete novels of Charles Dickens in one volume, published by Hamlyn, £35, Liberty, Regent Street. Pierrat marionette, £39.50, Fortnum & Mason, Piccadilly. Hobby horse, £24.50; lace cushion, £29, cushion made from old kelim, £30.10, all from The General Trading Company, Sloane Street. Front row: Traditional teddy bear, from £17.95, Harrods, Knightsbridge. Clown musical box, £31.95, Fortnum & Mason. Poob bookends, £18.45 per pair, The General Trading Company. Penny Post red/black leather money box with lock and key, £19.95, Presents, Sloane Street. Cake snowstorm paperweight, £4.95, The Courran Shop, Fulham Road; country cottage musical box, £16.95, Fortnum & Mason; rag doll, £43, The Courran Shop



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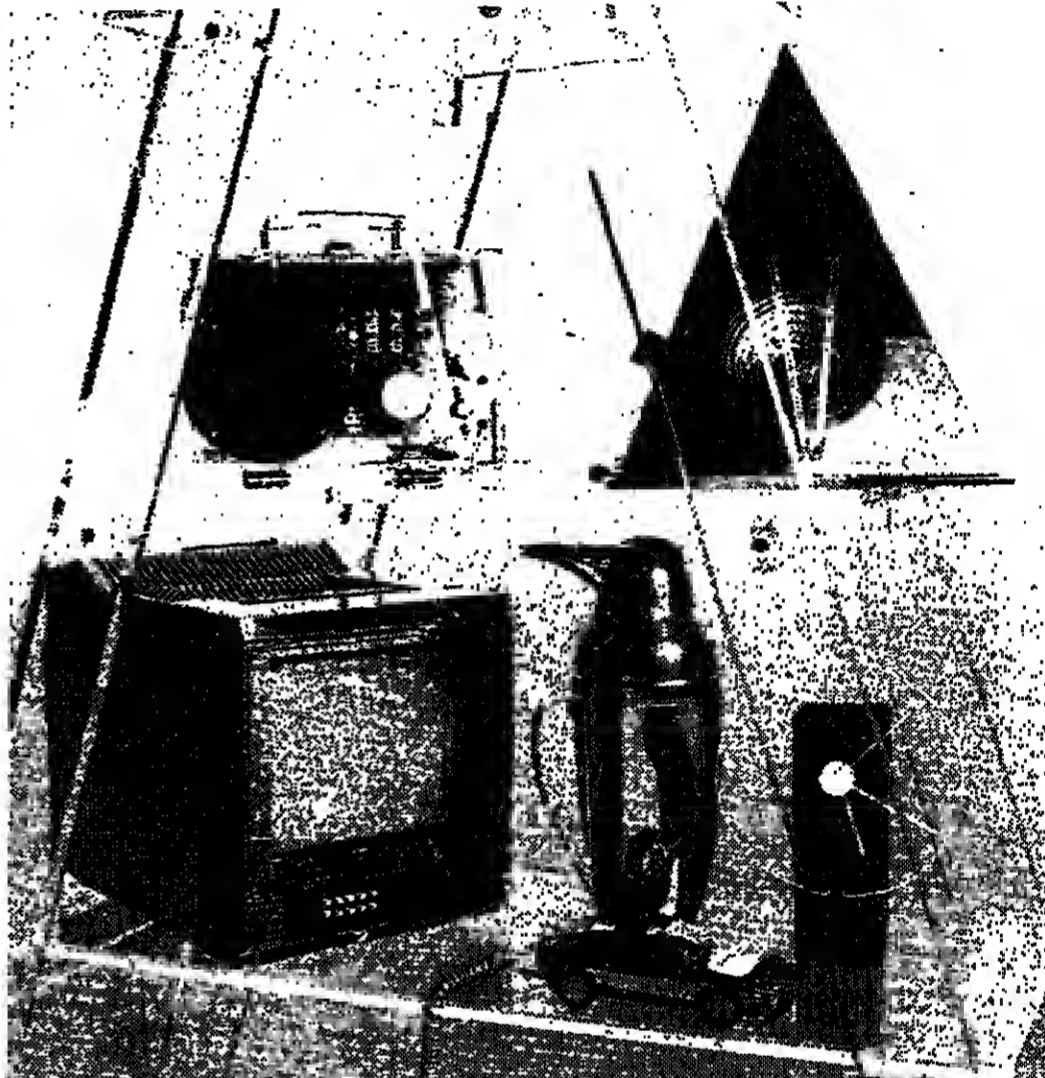
# Christmas past and presents



**CHRISTMAS PRESENT** (top row): Computerised backgammon set, £59.95, Liberty, Regent Street; Sony Watchman mini TV, £139, Harrods, Knightsbridge; solar cell calculator in ruler, £14.90, FFW, Newburgh Street; chequered china dinner plate, £13, cup with saucer, £12.50, The Courran Shop, Fulham Road; gourmet cutlery place setting, £120, FFW, Centre; Scottie dog diamante brooch, £69; ear rings, £58, both from Monty Don, Beauchamp Place; panther lighter, £19, FFW; leather travelling stationery set, £29.95, Presents, Sloane Street; Porsche design, black/titanium carved pipe, £100, from The Porsche Shop at Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge. Sector Armees watch with hinged case, £467 (above) and Jean D'Eve half-moon watch, £595 (below), both from The Watch Gallery, Fulham Road. Car-shaped calculator, £13.25, Presents FAR RIGHT: top shelf (left) Perspex radio, £295, Presents, Sloane Street (right) black acrylic pyramid radio, £180, Ligne Roset, 130 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1. Second shelf: Loewe colour television with chrome case, £465, Harrods, Knightsbridge; silver-plated penguin-shaped cocktail shaker, £295, The Courran Shop, Fulham Road; silver-coloured Porsche-shaped telephone handset, £32.95, and black and white clock, £20.75, both from Harrods. Acrylic stepladder, £531; for stockists contact MW United (tel: 01-222 1543)

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From dozens of alternatives, we've picked six locations each with a flagship store for general requirements, within strolling distance of more specialist satellite shops in the belief that, rather than limiting your scope, one-stop shopping may turn this annual marathon into a thoroughly enjoyable day out.

**PICCADILLY**  
Fortnum & Mason, England's grandest grocer, offers hampers from £15 to £550 - but it's just as much fun choosing individual F&M specialities to fill your own goodies basket (empty wicker hampers are sold in the basement). Shop, too, for stylish hats and leather goods (second floor), china and glass (basement) and stationery (third floor).

Not far away, Hatchards bookshop is also in Piccadilly. Round the corner in Jermyn Street, Czech & Speake stocks soaps, fragrances and body oils while Floris has its own toiletry range plus old-fashioned scent sprays and shaving tackle. More valet equipment can be found at Geo F. Trumper while Oggetti offers fashionable design-conscious items. Anyone looking for edible presents, particularly cheese, will find a visit to Paxton & Whitfield rewarding.

**REGENT STREET**  
At Liberty, there's a gift-wrap service in the Emporium (basement) where it's only too easy to while away your shopping day fingering gifts both pretty and practical. Shop at Dickens & Jones, next door, for clothes and fashion accessories and at a Body Shop branch, off Great Marlborough Street, for soaps, shampoos and nicely-packaged bath-time treats.

Not far away, in Newburgh Street, FFW stocks a selection of well-designed accessories from calculators to cutlery. Back in Regent Street, Santa visits Hamley's fifth floor daily until Christmas Eve. Opposite the world's largest toyshop is the tiny Knickerbox boutique selling only, as implied, men's and women's briefs.

**FULHAM ROAD**  
At the South Kensington end, the Courran Shop has some wonderfully witty ideas among its imaginative, practical and "tasty" presents - even a chocolate explosive which shoots out 10 mini-gifts, £26.

A few steps away there's Whitnards with unusual teas, fresh coffee beans and yuletide fare; the Sleeping Company selling stylish bathrobes and bed linens; Oggetti for trendy personal accessories while next door, the London Lighting Company is crammed with illuminating thoughts. The Watch Gallery specializes in analogue time-pieces from Rolex to Flipper fun watches with inter-changeable straps. Diverimenti stocks masses of kitchenware while Paperchase offers stationery and stocking fillers.

**KNIGHTSBRIDGE**  
Harrods' motto, "All Things For All People Everywhere", neatly sums up the store's capacity. Even so, it's probably best to limit yourself to a few relevant departments rather than trudge round its entire 22 acre shopping area.

Turn left from Harrods' front entrance for the bijou shopping street, Beauchamp Place, with its modern jewellery and china shops or turn right for the Scotch House and Harvey Nichols. As well as clothes, both stores sell plenty of fashion accessories. Close by, Brompton Arcade has some interesting specialist shops including Camilla Hepper, which sells nicely old-fashioned toiletries and the Italian Paper Shop, with its attractive marbled stationery.

**OXFORD STREET**  
In Selfridges' grotto (third floor), 14 animated scenes tell the story of the Wizard of Oz, with Santa visiting daily until December 23, while a Dickensian-style street (fourth floor) sells Christmas decorations.

Selfridges' personalized services include T-shirt printing (third floor), on-the-spot engraving (basement), embroidery (first floor) and "print-a-gift" for leather goods, cards and pencils on the ground floor; there's also a gift-wrap service (first floor).

Cross Oxford Street and pass Bond Street underground station to reach car-free South Molton street with its jewellery shops like Rocks, Butler & Wilson and Michaela Frey and fashion shops including Browns and the Joseph trinity.

Present sells charming chocolate Santas while Grays Antique Market, at Davies Mews, comprises dozens of mini-shops offering some delightfully individual silver and old jewellery.

**REGENT STREET**  
Turn left from Selfridges' main entrance for the tiny lane, Gess Court, where Mulberry Company sells covetable leather bags, belts and briefcases. Gess Court leads into paved St Christopher's Place with fashion and specialist shops like Under Two Flags, a quaint model soldier shop.

Well-known for its ground-floor china and glass department, Peter Jones also sells kitchenware (basement), clothes and fashion accessories (first and second floors). Smp in the ground-floor gift department for photo frames, tablemats, lacquer and brassware.

**SLOANE SQUARE**  
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THE ARTS

Effortless indolence

CONCERT

Lontano/Martinez St John's

It sounds infinitely pleasurable to be Maurice Ohana, but maybe the option is rather on the soft side. The music is gentle, inviting, and picturesque, evidencing Ohana's long French residence in its echoes of Debussy and Messiaen, yet having a water-colour washiness and a closeness to the distant past that could suggest almost any shore of the Mediterranean.

One just wishes, at the end of a whole programme of his music, that the vision were more detailed, that the imagination had been made to work a little harder, that there were not so many undulating lines wandering lazily in unsurprising rhythms through - however beautiful - textures.

Satyres - a duet for flutes taking place, one would imagine, a little later in the fawn's afternoon - was languorous in

this way, but short. Two later instrumental pieces covered more ground by using both of Ohana's characteristic types of movement, the idling andante and the toccata: separately in two excerpts from the *Etudes d'interprétation* for piano and percussion, then unfolding one another in *Kypris* where Ohana's concentration on colour effects rather than counterpoints produced an effective quartet from the unlikely ensemble of oboe, viola, double bass, and piano. Paul Roberts answered the challenge in these works of making the piano into a euphonious and versatile percussion orchestra.

The final and biggest piece was the *Mess* for voices, percussion, organ, and a robust quintet of reeds and brass, in which Odaline de la Martinez conducted the BBC Singers and the Lontano ensemble, with Françoise Kubler and Linda Hirst as the soloists.

Though designated by the composer as suitable for liturgical use, this seems a celebration of older gods than Christ, in its stark, bright chords, its peasant keening from the pair of soloists, and again its lapping, effortless atmospheric indolence.

Paul Griffiths

DANCE

Royal Ballet Covent Garden

When *Young Apollo* was first presented by the Royal Ballet in November 1984 there was well-deserved praise for the score which Gordon Cross had developed using a short, youthful piece by Britten as its starting point; for the imaginative and beautifully-shaped choreography by David Bintley; for the three fine backcloths by Victor Pasmore and for the way all those elements came together.

There was just one snag, but that a big one. At the final rehearsals it became clear that the many solo entries for the title role, which had been manageable separately, were going when brought together, to exhaust Mark Silver to the point where he could only struggle through the ballet by not really doing justice to the dance.

Bintley's solution for the present revival has been to share out the role among three men, one for each movement of the music, which show the separate stages of the growth into godhead. The transitions work smoothly, but unfortunately this remedy has not really had the desired effect.

In each of two casts, some passages work better than before. The still unknowing boy is sketched with some energy by Ashley Page but his power soon tails off. Antony Dowson in that same section is more even but less inspired. Silver manages rather well in the central section, where Apollo first tries his art, coached by the goddesses; Stephen Beagley, however, much less so. Phillip Broomhead and, even more, Jonathan Cope, lead the finale quite powerfully. But there is still a lack; the movement does not grow as it should and there is no commanding presence to focus the physical or emotional patterns.

John Percival

Irving Wardle witnesses a mighty performance by Anthony Hopkins

THEATRE

King Lear Olivier

Passionate grounds for appeal

Donald Cooper



Madness made man: Anthony Hopkins and Bill Nighy

One of the most painful moments in this fine David Hare production comes when the already-poisoned Regan (Suzanne Berish) fixes her eyes on Edmund and makes the anguished appeal: "Speak truth". One veteran liar is appealing to another, in small hope of getting anything more than another lie.

This is not a concept production. It is a clean, impassioned exercise in theatrical narrative. But one thing it does reveal is the extent to which *Lear* consists of such appeals, from the king's opening question to the funeral interrogations on the battlefield.

Apart from Hayden Griffin's three giant sky-cloths, the stage is bare and there is no attempt to build up any visible image of Lear's Britain. What the show does build up is a moral world: beginning in an atmosphere of fixed values where the old hierarchy is accompanied by assumptions of loyalty and affections of the blood; all of which are then perverted and denied. It is not only Lear who feels the earth sliding away from under his feet.

This is not a process that lends itself to the exhibition of villainy. If there is a weak performance it is Douglas Hodge's Edmund, who presents the standard figure of a fresh-faced grinning young Machiavelli. From that beginning there are no more discoveries for him to make, and he simply pursues an unobstructed career to the top as the means by which other characters undergo misfortune and corruption.

Otherwise the production presents a journey in which everybody is changed. Conrail and Regan clearly have no villainous plot in mind. They know their father's weaknesses and fall in with his requirements for the sake of a quiet life.

One of the great excitements is to witness the sense of power gradually dawning on them. Anna Massey is left shaking with terror after his first curse, while Suzanne Berish responds to similar treatment by suddenly snapping and driving him bodily

across the stage, then standing in amazement at what she has done. Every such change is precisely articulated and given time to swing the action into a narrower circle of hell.

The centre of the show is jointly occupied by Lear and Gloucester. Everybody knows that the sub-plot duplicates the main plot. What is uncommon is to have both sides presented in equal focus. Michael Bryant's Gloucester has nothing like the weight of

Anthony Hopkins's Lear; but this is a question of the separate styles of the characters rather than their relative importance.

Gloucester, physically mutilated, escapes mental destruction; and he belongs to the world of reason. He, rather than Lear, is the philosopher of chaos, where Lear is its prophet.

Bryant's performance, from his tenderly loving first scene with Edmund through to his

TELEVISION

Last night's *Arms* (BBC2) was very much a party political broadcast on behalf of the artist Gerald Scarfe. Written, presented and directed by this suave failed banker, it was a self-indulgent documentary on his own sometimes spoofing terms. "I feel that I present a bland mask to the world," he said at one point and his self-portrait turned out to be a caricature of his blandness. Pleasant and interesting enough maybe, but without the bones, tissue and guts of his best work.

After blanching at Scarfe's black and white depictions, it is hard to imagine Ronald Reagan as anything other than Mickey Mouse or Nixon as a mound of rotting meat. After watching the hand behind the pen for an hour, one was left with the image of a man with Kensington House stables and a big BMW who drove round asking former employers why they thought he was a genius. Naturally, they came over as amusingly unimpressed. Richard Ingram said he was the only person who would do something really savage and Peter Cook did an impersonation of Macmillan.

Not that Scarfe was any more revealing about his un-

doubted genius. Reclining on a chesterfield in a large white studio, he rambled unremarkably about not knowing whether "I'm an artist or a banker deep inside me".

His most lucid confession was that he was a romantic. "The distance between what I want to see and the reality I know is there - that's what I'm drawing, the gap."

Anthony Wall's production was enlivened by some witty Pottieresque drama sequences of Scarfe's early asthmatic existence; also by Scarfe's scintillating cartoon films. Less successful was the great man's illustration of his own life in the studio. At the end, when he flung pots of paint over all the signposts and crossroads he had drawn, one's first thought was "What a mess", and one's second, "What a waste of paint". Very laudable indeed was the hunch that this was a memorable, significant, Whistlerian statement.

The worst aspect of *'Allo 'Allo* (BBC1) is not its tastelessness but its absolute lack of humour. While it is no doubt possible to write a funny comedy about Hitler (*The Producers*) it just seems unforgivable to do it badly.

Nicholas Shakespeare

ROCK

Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes

Town and Country

As Graham Parker and Q-Tips would no doubt attest, the white soul revue is a formula that is loved by many but bought by few. Bruce Springsteen sells more records in a day than Southside Johnny Lyon has sold in the 11 years since he formed the Asbury Jukes with Steve Van Zandt, but seeing the eight

Jukes take the stage with limber ease one did not get the impression that this was a team that backed losers.

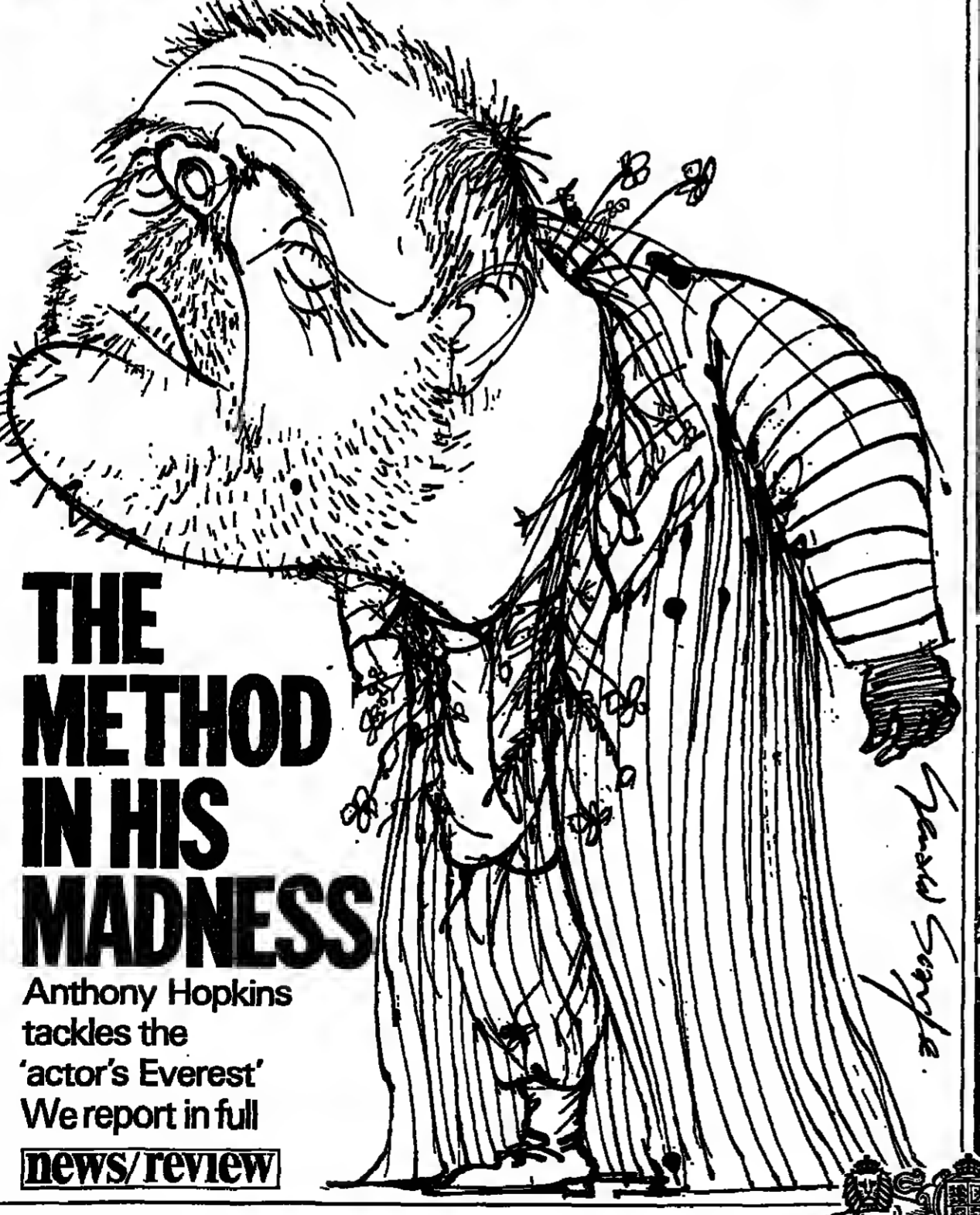
A version of the Dusty Springfield hit "I Only Want To Be With You" that owed more to The Tourists' arrangement was not a promising way to start, and highlighted Lyon's problem as a non-songwriter: the choice of suitable material. Similarly, The Drivers' "Up On The Roof" and The Four Tops' "Walk Away Renee" were shoehorned into unseemly shapes by Lyon's throaty singing which lacked the finesse required by such songs.

But when he locked into the high-energy Springsteen raver "Talk To Me", there was a magic in the air that is rarely translated on to record. The horn section of Joe Kaminski (trumpet), Bobby Ferrel (trombone), and Joey Straw (saxophone) broke into an incandescent sequence of trilling fanfares and nothing was left to stand in the way of a great night's entertainment.

David Sinclair

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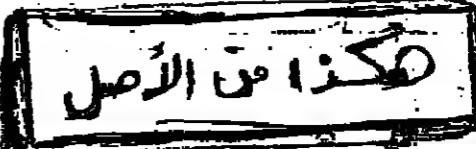
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REVIEW

New Stones and old gems

Joyce Macdonald



Prize buffoonery

PAPERBACKS

It Was a Dark and Stormy Night, compiled by Scott Rice (Abacus, £2.95).

The dark can be scary, thought Todd, if you're young, impressionable, intoxicated, out of gas, naked, and are forced to sit on vinyl seats.

With the variety of styles favoured in 1986 - hip hop, jazz, blues, politico-pop, African - to categorize an artist's music as simply "rock" is now widely taken as pejorative.

Altered states

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Webern, Berg, Schoenberg: Works for string orchestra. Junge Deutsche Philharmonie (Globe (EMI) EL 16 9588 1).

It is a stimulating programme of adaptations that the keen strings of the German national youth orchestra offers.

a dark and stormy night, the rain fell in torrents - except at occasional intervals, when it was checked by a violent gust of wind which swept up the streets (for it is in London that our scene lies), rattling along the housetops, and fiercely agitating the scanty flame of the lamps that struggled against the darkness.

The winner, offered a fellowship not to write, wrote: "The lovely woman-child Kaa was mercilessly chained to the cruel post of the warrior-chief Beast, with his barbarian tribe now stacking wood at her nubile feet, when the strong clear voice of the poetic and heroic Handsomas roared, 'Flick your Bic, crisp that chunk, and you'll feel my steel through your last meal.'"

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Philip Howard

ROCK RECORDS

New Model Army: The Ghost of Cain (EMI EMC 3516). The Rolling Stones: Dirty Work (Rolling Stones CBS 86321).

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Paul Simon's superb Graceland prompted a surge of international interest in the work of black African musicians, while Peter Gabriel, who has long been in the business of appropriating sounds, rhythms and inspiration from African music, capitalized handsomely with So.

In a year of mega-releases by Queen, Genesis, Madonna, the Police, Eurythmics and Springsteen, it was hardly surprising that Richard Thompson's Dangerous Adventures should have been hurried at birth. But it was still a plangent and incisive album by an artist who deserved, if not the sales, then at least the kind of critical accolades that were heaped with such abandon on Elvis Costello's two disappointing releases.

Hip hop is surely the most exciting development in rock since the heady days of punk, but its impact has been muted by its organic formulation of a musical and lyrical code that either baffles or repulses the uncommitted listener.

Big Audio Dynamite went at it the other way around, grafting hip hop's beatbox vocabulary of "found" sounds and rhythms on to an orthodox rock band infrastructure.

JAZZ RECORDS

Duke Ellington: The Blanton-Webster Band (RCA/Bluebird 5659-1-RB, 4 discs).

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RCA's box of Duke Ellington recordings from 1940-42, titled The Blanton-Webster Band after two of its remarkable constituents, collects material that should be a cornerstone of any jazz collection.

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Well recorded in the first place, these 66 pieces are further illuminated by digital remastering.

By contrast, Bird at the Roost (available only as two double-albums and a single LP) is about the individual voice of jazz's greatest improviser, preserved in legendary New York radio broadcasts from the Royal Roost night club in 1948 and '49.

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THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

University challenge

Anxiety is growing among art students over a decision by the University of London to discontinue its comprehensive collection of slides of works of art, due to declining funds.

Colleagues are being invited to form a consortium to take it over, and Parry assures me there is no truth in rumours that it may be sold to an American university.

Sound of fury

Two concerts performed by the Britten-Pears Orchestra for the American forces and their families in Suffolk have sparked a controversy.



The Aldeburgh Foundation, which staged the concerts, is unrepentant. General manager Kenneth Baird says to decide who may or may not enjoy classical music is to tread a dangerous path.

A timely warning about the hazards of new technology is provided by a note in the Barbican Centre official programme: "A more modern distraction than the cough is the chiming digital watch. Both audience and performers would appreciate these being turned off or suppressed."

SIR LAURENS VAN DER POST celebrates his 80th birthday today. Read the work of this remarkable writer, mystic and explorer in paperback in Penguin.

HERMAN WOUK INSIDE, OUTSIDE. An absorbing saga of the 'Inside' of tradition and faith... and the 'Outside' of the American Dream... By the author of The Winds of War.

CHESS The value of true leadership. An Olympic team consists of six players a side, but even more important than the role of any one individual is the part played by the team captain.

BRIDGE Close shave victory. The Four Continents tournament, which preceded the Minihouse Marathon in Rotterdam, was a spectacular success, despite the last minute defection of Brazil.

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CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1131. Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, December 18. Includes crossword grid and solution.















Queueing at the EEC crossroads

At Brussels airport the visitor is greeted by a large sign saying "Welcome to Belgium - the Crossroads of Europe..."

Richard Owen

Doctor cleared of raping girl, 8

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The prosecution alleged that the girl was asleep in a room when the doctor came in, pulled back the duvet and raped her.

The doctor then allegedly threatened the girl with one of two guns he kept in his bedroom in order to keep her quiet, the prosecution had claimed.

The office of the DPP would not comment on the verdict or the case.

Mr Lewis added: "All the doctor wishes to do now is to go back to work at his job as a consultant anaesthetist. His life from now on must be difficult because of the enormous publicity contained in the daily newspapers."

A spokesman for The Sun said last night that despite the verdict, the judge's order that prosecution costs should be met from central funds was the "clearest possible indication" that the newspaper had acted properly in funding the case.

"We believe it is a matter of the utmost concern that an eight-year-old girl has been sexually abused and the guilty party, whoever he is, has not been brought to justice," he said.

"The Sun offers its deepest sympathy to the child and her mother who have shown great courage in the face of an agonizing ordeal," Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Conservative MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth, who earlier this year named the doctor in a House of Commons question, said last night: "I feel what I did was right."

"There are special elements here. A doctor is a person of supreme trust. I think it was right that this case should come to trial to be tested. It is very important for a child to be heard."

"One acquiesces with the findings of the jury."

Mr Dickens also named in the Commons a vicar from Humberston, the Rev Ian Knos, who was charged with 28 offences concerning children. Mr Knos died in prison.

The Queen's swan back at Slimbridge



By Kenneth Gosling

The Queen's own special Bewick's swan, called Coronation, arrived back at the Wildfowl Trust, Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, this week - the ninth year she has flown the 2,300 miles from Arctic breeding grounds to Swan Lake.

The Queen is a subscriber to Slimbridge's swan support scheme and "adopted" Coronation in silver jubilee year, 1977.

But there is concern about the non-appearance of another Bewick's swan who is at least 26 years old and has never missed a year.

"We hope he is safe on the Continent," said Ruth Bennett, as warden Barry Stewart fed grain to the birds, including some of the 90 Bewick's swans, who have arrived at the lake.

Photograph: Harry Kerr

US tries to reassure allies

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The communique said Nato supported Washington's search for "balanced, equitable and effectively verifiable arms control agreements".

Nato also strongly supported the American view on space weapons. "Moscow knows Reagan's last two years in office must not be wasted," one senior official said.

'£60 m' to refine Sellafeld

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and last March. They found the cause of some 238 faults not established.

However, the Government is aware that environmental, political and now safety-related issues have left it with a large company which, at present, would be practically impossible to sell to the public.

US tries to reassure allies

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Mr Shultz admitted there were "different views" in Nato on Mr Reagan's 10-year missile abolition programme.

The United States has set a deadline of December 31 for settlement of its complaint that EEC enlargement has badly hit American food exports to Spain, and is threatening to retaliate against European exports.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,228

Grid for crossword puzzle with clues and answers.

From today, the new publication, The Times Concise Atlas of the World, will be given for the first five correct solutions opened each Thursday.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Mrs J Allen, Polbain, Achilburne, Ross-shire; M R Beauchamp, South Avenue, Sherborne, Dorset; Mrs M B Boucher, Queen Street, Castletown, Isle of Man.

Handicrafts and Christmas music section with various items and prices.

ACROSS and DOWN crossword clues and solutions.

Today's events

Royal engagements: The Duchess of Gloucester, President of the National Children's Home, attends a concert at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon, 7.25.

Tomorrow's events

Royal engagements: Princess Margaret attends a gala at Sadler's Wells Theatre in aid of the National Council for One Parent Families and Maria House Children's Hospice, 6.30.

Roads

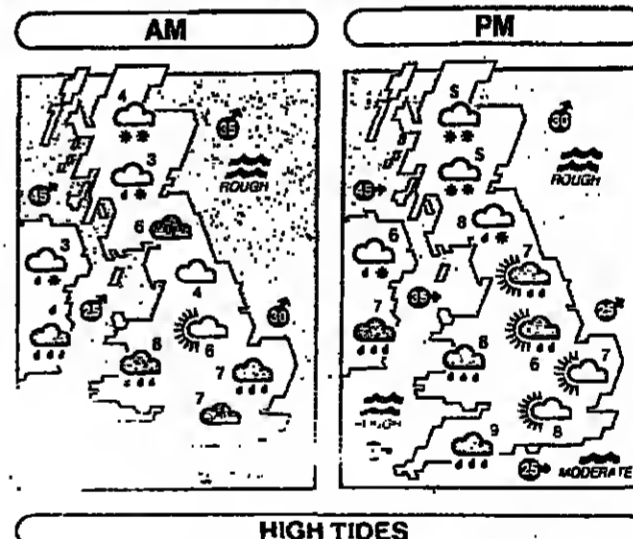
London and South-east: Tottenham High Road: Lane narrowing near West Green Road, A105. Single line both directions, Wood Green, Chynovets Interchange, Horse Snow, delays likely in Epsom Court.

Anniversaries

TODAY: Births: Heinrich Heine, poet and journalist, Düsseldorf, 1797.

WEATHER

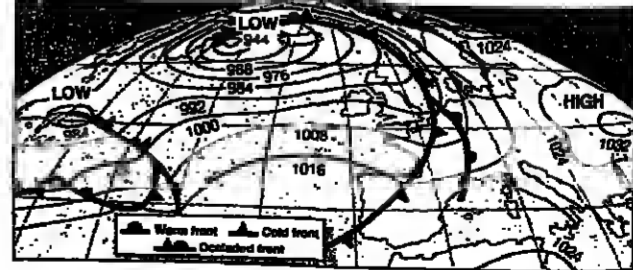
A deep depression will be slow moving in the North Atlantic. The SE half of England may start with rain, but it will clear, then a lot of bright or sunny weather over England and Wales.



AROUND BRITAIN

Table with columns for location, sun, rain, max, and min weather conditions.

NOON TODAY



ABROAD

Table with columns for location, sun, rain, max, and min weather conditions for various international locations.

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

THE TIMES

THE TIMES SATURDAY DECEMBER 13 1986

Executive Editor  
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET  
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FT-SE 100 1629.8 (-4.2)  
Bargains 30340 (31290)  
USM (Datastream) 129.44 (-0.26)  
THE POUND  
US Dollar 1.4285 (+0.0050)  
W German mark 2.8813 (+0.0115)  
Trade-weighted 68.7 (+0.4)

Hunter in £19m deal for Foodco

Hunter Saphir, the food and distribution group, is buying four food companies from S&W Berisford, the commodities and sugar conglomerate, in a deal worth up to £19.8 million. The terms will give Berisford a 20 per cent stake in Hunter.

Shares deal investigation

Two inspectors have been appointed by Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to investigate whether an employee of British and Commonwealth Shipping has breached the insider dealing laws.

Tilbury stake

Raine Industries, the housebuilder and commercial property developer, is buying a 20.3 per cent stake in Tilbury, the construction, mechanical services and property group, for £8.8 million in shares.

Takeover plea

A joint deputation from St Helens Council and the unions is to meet Mr Paul Channon, the Trade and Industry Secretary, on Monday to argue against BTR's proposed takeover of Pilkington Glass.

Brewer ahead

Pretax profits from Greene King & Sons, the Suffolk based brewer, grew from £4.4 million to £5 million in the 26 weeks to the beginning of November 1986. Turnover increased by 8 per cent to £46.7 million. An interim dividend of 1.96p was declared. *Tempus*, page 23

Listing sought

MIL Research Group, a market research company, is seeking a full stock market listing through a placing by County Bank of 3.98 million shares at 144p. *Philips & Drew* are backers to the issue. *Tempus*, page 23

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS  
New York 1917.74 (-5.91)  
Dow Jones 1917.74 (-5.91)  
Tokyo 18830.64 (+99.38)  
Nikkei Dow 18830.64 (+99.38)  
Hong Kong 2483.23 (-3.90)  
Hang Seng 2483.23 (-3.90)  
Amsterdam Gen 286.1 (+0.1)  
Sydney AO 1437.7 (+0.3)  
Frankfurt 2051.1 (-11.8)  
Commerzbank 2051.1 (-11.8)  
Generals 4098.57 (-29.63)  
Paris CAC 412.5 (-0.9)  
Zurich S&K Gen 581.70 (-1.90)  
London: FT. A 1280.4 (-4.3)  
FT. Giltis 82.24 (+0.80)  
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%  
3-month interbank 11%  
3-month eligible bills 10%  
US: Prime Rate 7%  
Federal Funds 5%  
3-month Treasury Bills 5.47-5.49%  
30-year bonds 10 1/2-11 1/2%

CURRENCIES

London: New York  
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DM: 2.8813  
SwF: 2.4213  
FF: 6.5585  
Yen: 162.80  
Index: 111.3  
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SDR: £0.843012

Cash mountain suggests ABF may launch New Year bid

Flour group to raise £148m

Associated British Foods, the Sunblest bread flour milling group, is raising £148 million through an issue of new shares. The share sale will reduce the holding of the founding Weston family below the 35 per cent level and end the group's status as a closed company. The move will also boost ABF's cash mountain to nearly £1 billion and leave it poised for a substantial takeover which, according to City sources, is likely early in the new year. The shares were placed in the City's biggest ever "bought deal." County Securities, part of the National Westminster Bank group, subscribed for the whole of the issue after a competitive tender involving two other leading securities houses. County bought the stock at 31 1/2p and, with Panmure Gordon, the broker, placed it at the same price. The price represented a discount of about 4 per cent on Thursday's average market prices.

Guinness stake was not notified

The speculation surrounding the investigation by the Department of Trade and Industry into Guinness intensified yesterday when Schenley Industries admitted that it had failed to notify a disclosure stake it built up in Guinness in the later stages of its bid for Distillers. It emerged yesterday that lawyers acting for Schenley, which distributes Dewar's whisky for Guinness in the United States, wrote to Guinness on Wednesday, saying that it had acquired 16.65 million Guinness shares - 5.27 per cent of the company - by April 17, the day before the Guinness bid for Distillers was declared unconditional. On April 18, Schenley said, it bought a further 950,000 shares. Schenley said that its interest in Guinness was reduced below 5 per cent after the bid and that it now owned 3.5 per cent of the enlarged company. Schenley distributed Dewar's whisky for Distillers in the US, and took over the distribution for Guinness. In addition, it is taking over the US distribution of Gordon's Gin - another Distillers' product - for Guinness. Schenley said that its failure to disclose that it had more than 5 per cent of Guinness was because of ignorance of the provisions of the Companies Act 1985. Schenley is a subsidiary of the Rapid American Company, owned by Mr Meshulam Riklis. A spokesman for Mr Riklis said yesterday that he did not want to comment. Under American law there is a requirement to notify the SEC of any stake of more than 5 per cent acquired in a public company. A Guinness spokesman said yesterday that the company had not been aware of any disclosure stake held by Schenley until the letter from Schenley's lawyers arrived. If Guinness had known of the stake it would be in breach of the Takeover Code and its listing agreement with the Stock Exchange for failing to notify the panel and the exchange. The Schenley revelation also suggests that it had a big holding of Distillers shares which were converted into Guinness shares after the successful bid. This is because Schenley now holds 3.5 per cent of the enlarged Guinness - about 29 million Guinness shares. This is 11.4 million shares more than the 17.6 million shares it bought and disclosed yesterday.



Garry Weston: 'We had to disclose the company'

Inflation rate jumps to 3.5%

The rate of inflation jumped to 3.5 per cent last month - the highest since March - from 3 per cent in October, mainly due to the impact of higher mortgage rates. Lord Young of Graham, Secretary of State for Employment, said the higher rate of inflation was not unexpected because of the November rise in mortgage rates from 11 to 12.25 per cent. This added 0.6 per cent to the retail price index last month. Whitehall officials said the inflation rate was still in line with the Chancellor's forecast of a 3.25 per cent average for the fourth quarter, rising slightly to 3.75 per cent in the fourth quarter of next year. City economists, however, expect the rate of inflation to move steadily higher in the next few months, possibly reaching 5 or 6 per cent in the second half of next year. This was echoed by Mr Ian Wigglesworth, the SDP's spokesman on industrial and economic affairs. "The retail price index increase to 3.5 per cent marks the start of a rising trend," he said. "Inflation will be higher than 4 per cent by next spring and top 5 per cent by the summer." The retail price index rose to 391.7 (January 1974 = 100) last month, from 388.4 in October, a rise of 0.8 per cent. This was the largest monthly increase since April, when the index was boosted by the effect of the Budget increases in excise duties. In addition to the mortgage rate increase, higher motor insurance premiums and increases in the price of many durable household goods - probably reflecting sterling's fall - boosted the index. Excluding mortgage rates, inflation eased to 3.3 per cent last month from 3.4 per cent in October. Another inflation measure, the tax and price index, rose by 2.2 per cent in the 12 months to November, from 1.5 per cent in October. "The low inflation achieved over the last few months is having the beneficial effects we expected," Lord Young said. "The CBI tells us that pay settlements are coming down and our figures show that unit wage costs are rising more slowly than in recent months." December's inflation rate would have to fall if the Treasury's 3.25 per cent inflation forecast for the fourth quarter is to be met. Britain's inflation rate of 3.5 per cent compared with latest rates of 1.5 per cent in the United States, 2.2 per cent in France and 3 per cent for Europe.

£164m spent to woo Sid

The pursuit of Sid, the mythical first-time investor, has cost the Government £164 million. It was hoped that the Sid advertising campaign would lead to a huge oversubscription for British Gas shares. The Department of Energy - which saw the offer oversubscribed and regards the sale as a huge success, although fewer small investors than anticipated applied for shares - received a total of £5.35 billion for the shares. With British Gas due to repay £2.4 billion of debt to the Government that means the Exchequer will receive £7.75 billion for the sale. The cost of the selloff has been calculated by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, at 2 per cent of the total raised. This compares with the 4 per cent, or £152 million, of the £3.9 billion raised through the sale of British Telecommunications. The largest proportion of the £164 million costs, £75 million, was attributed to underwriting the issue and paying for market commissions, with £29 million of this being swallowed up by the cost of pre-sale market research - printing and direct mail shots. This means the Post Office, as a nationalized industry, received a large chunk of the revenue. This revenue will be included in its accounts and, ultimately, could make it look a likely candidate for privatization, possibly depending on the charms of Sid's wife, Doris, to stimulate public interest. The creation of Sid himself cost less than £3 million.

Cannon may face US courts

Cannon, the film-making and distribution group, could face proceedings under American bankruptcy law if it fails to repay debts incurred through its purchase of Screen Entertainment from Mr Alan Bond, the Australian entrepreneur. Analysts saw no reason for Mr Bond pulling the plug on Cannon, especially as Drexel Burnham Lambert, the investment bank which underwrote a large amount of Cannon's debts, has just sold a \$510 million (£357 million) debenture offering for a Bood company. Forcing Cannon into the courts' hands would leave a significant gap in the British movie business. But its accounting practices, which have resulted in an inquiry by the US regulatory authorities and helped push its New York-listed shares down, leave analysts unclear on the value of its assets. The \$79.6 million owed to a number of Mr Bond's companies has to be repaid by Monday. An extension is being sought by Cannon.

Morgan Grenfell buys US broker

Morgan Grenfell, the merchant banking and securities group, yesterday announced its long-expected move into the US securities market with the purchase of Cyrus J Lawrence, the New York stockbroker, for \$70 million (£49 million) in cash. Mr John Holmes, the Morgan director mainly responsible for building up the group's securities operations, said: "It is over cheap to buy a New York firm, but we believe we have paid a fair price although a considerable proportion of it was for goodwill." CJL has a staff of 250. Morgan has 500 securities staff in London. In the year to September 26 it made £10 million in pretax profits, with assets of £26.4 million. CJL has small underwriting, fund management and investment banking interests. The broker is small in US terms, but has a respected research team, particularly in areas such as oil and economics. Morgan does not expect any staff changes and several directors and senior executives will enter into service contracts when the acquisition is completed. The broker, which has 1,200 corporate clients, will continue to operate under the same name. The move is a significant advance for Morgan's ambitions to build a worldwide securities business. Mr Holmes said: "Clearly we need a major representation in the US, but it would have been more expensive to do it by starting up from scratch." Morgan has significant corporate finance and fund management operations in New York. He added that there would be considerable exchange of expertise between London and New York. "We hope, for example, to sell more UK and European stocks to US investors - something we hardly do at all at present," he said. Elsewhere, Morgan has been invited to apply for a securities licence in Japan and is also establishing a presence in Singapore and Australia.

Murdoch buys new stake in H&WT

Sydney (Reuter) - Mr Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, which is bidding for the Herald and Weekly Times media group, has bought Industrial Equity Limited's 11.9 per cent stake in H & WT. News Corporation, which publishes four national newspapers in Britain, including The Times and The Sunday Times, paid Aus\$20.45 million (£10.1 million) cash for IEL's 18.37 million shares, equal to its proposed offer of Aus\$12 a share. Media analysts said that the sale of IEL's stake strengthened their earlier view that News Corporation's bid for H & WT was likely to succeed. IEL, controlled by Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, and Mr Robert Holmes a Court's Bell Group, were seen as the most likely counter-bidders to News Corporation's proposed offer. IEL has sold out at a profit of some Aus\$100 million while Mr Holmes a Court suggested at last week's annual meeting of Bell shareholders that he has his eye on News Corporation's proposed divestments of parts of H & WT and not the group, media analysts said. Mr Holmes a Court said that he had been negotiating the purchase of parts of the H & WT group only the day before Mr Murdoch unveiled his Aus\$1.8 billion bid. He added that he did not know what Bell would end up with from the H & WT takeover but assured shareholders it would emerge with something. Brierley companies comprise the largest media group in New Zealand and, like Mr Holmes a Court, Mr Brierley has made no secret of his desire to become a force in the Australian media.

Oil buyers look for Opec pact

Buyers on the world oil markets are sending the price upwards in the hope that Opec, oop meeting in Geneva, will decide to trim output and move back to a fixed price system set at \$18 a barrel. Although many oil traders take the view that an agreement made in haste will be broken just as quickly, the markets have sent the oil price up to almost \$16 for the first time this year. The price for North Sea Brent crude for delivery in mid-January was quoted yesterday at about \$15.85. Some cargoes reportedly changed hands at higher rates. Sheikh Ali Khalifa al Sabah, the Kuwait oil minister, yesterday described the meeting as a demonstration of the "new Opec". He said there was a new political will within the group. "If we make progress on pricing, everything else will fall in."

UK factory hits 95 cars per day target Nissan in top gear

The Government-backed Nissan car factory at Washington, Tyne and Wear, has reached its output target of 95 cars a day - two years after the ground was broken on the greenfield site. This was unprecedented in Britain and had occurred, the company said yesterday, in "a notoriously depressed area never previously engaged in the motor industry." Nissan said that the build-rate would be creditable even for an established manufacturer. Employment at Washington was also on course, with the 470 employees required for the first phase of the project now on the payroll. They were "almost 100 per cent British and to a large extent locally recruited," a spokesman said. The company, whose plans are being scrutinized by the Department of Trade and Industry and the established motor companies, said that its initial plan for 40 per cent European content of the Washington-built Bluebird cars had been increased and was likely to reach 50 per cent within the first year of production. While the cars are at present being built from imported Japanese-made kits, the number of British component suppliers involved in the project has risen from 27 - the figure announced when the Prime Minister opened the factory in September - to 38, with a further nine Continental suppliers.

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WALL STREET

Prices drop amid fears about Opec intentions

New York (Reuters) - Share prices fell in tandem with the bond market amid fears that Opec would be able to engineer production cuts to lift the price of oil.

This, in turn, created some concern about inflation despite yesterday's report of a slim 0.2 per cent rise in the November producer prices, traders said.

Oil shares, however, were boosted, although early enthusiasm waned when it was reported that the Saudis have not offered a cut in oil output.

Exxon rose 7/8 to 70 1/2 and Mobil 1/2 to 39 1/2. Blue chips continued to outperform the broader mar-

ket in moderately active early trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell a fraction to 1,923. Declines led advances six to five on a volume of 29 million shares.

Among the early gainers was British Gas which was up 1/4 to 9 1/4.

Walt Disney rose 1 point to 46 1/2. Union Carbide led the actives with a gain of 1/4 to 22 1/2. Sears fell 1/4 to 41 1/2.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index stood at 141.96, down 0.06. Standard & Poor's 500 index was 0.01 up, to 236.19.

COMPANY NEWS

BRISTOL EVENING POST: Interim dividend 11p (9p). Figures in £000 for six months to September 30. Three-for-one scrip issue proposed. Turnover 23,273 (21,648), pre-tax profit 2,211 (1,907), tax 813 (798), profit after tax 1,398 (1,108). Earnings per share 22.5p (18.3). The board, while expressing cautious optimism about the future, said that existing signs of profitability remained encouraging.

ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING: Final dividend 1.75p compared with forecast 1.6p. Figures in £000 for year to September 30. Turnover 9,121 (4,910), pre-tax profit 984 (604), tax 330 (267), earnings per share 22.5p (18.3). The board, while expressing cautious optimism about the future, said that existing signs of profitability remained encouraging.

MICHAEL PETERS GROUP: The chairman, Mr Michael Peters, told the annual meeting that the company's established businesses were showing satisfactory growth in the current year.

JOHN SWAN & SONS: Figures in £a for six months to October 31. Turnover 548,200 (498,900), pre-tax profit 133,900 (118,600), tax 52,300 (41,500), earnings per share 15.1p (11.5p).

LEXICON INC: Dividend 30.011. Turnover for the year to August 31 (figures in \$000) 8,042 (10,527). Pre-tax profit 262 (1,662).

HICKING PENTECOST: Turnover for the half-year to Sept. 30 (figures in £000) 7,472 (6,297). Pre-tax profit 131 (loss 99). Tax nil (same). Extraordinary debit nil (124). Net earnings per stock unit 2.05p (loss 2.39p).

SW WOOD GROUP: No interim dividend (same). Turnover for the half-year to Sept. 30/86 (figures in £000) 6,709 (7,245). Operating loss 106 (7). Loss per share 2.7p (eps 0.1p). The board reports that there has been a decline in gross profit earned and expenses increased which account for the reduction in operating result.

Market uncertain about flight path of satellite TV

By Richard Lander

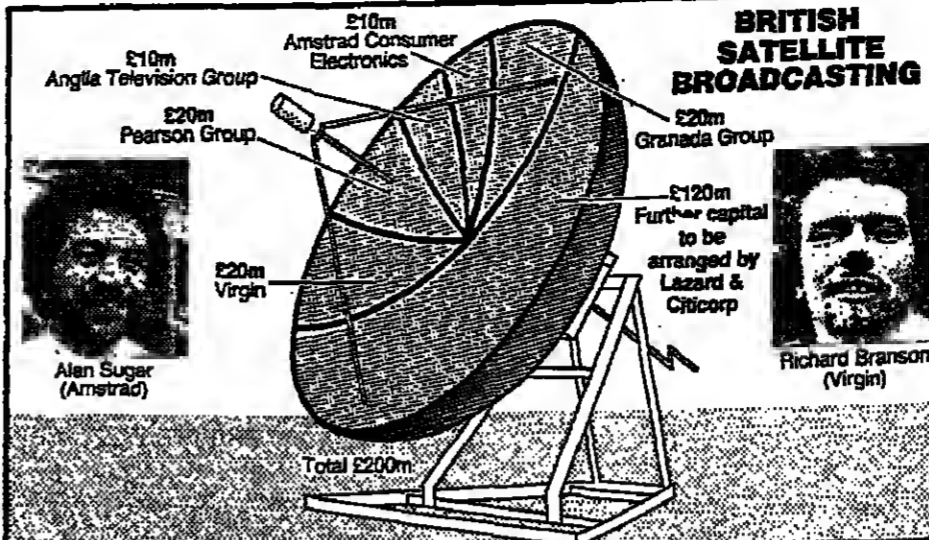
There is little doubt that the satellites will get up into the ether: what is more uncertain is whether Direct Broadcasting by Satellite (DBS), the future shock of television, will climb high enough, fast enough to provide the winning consortium's members with a bumper return on their £500 million-plus investment.

If the public falls in love with British Satellite Broadcasting's mixture of news, entertainment, films and children's programmes, DBS could be screening a space-age version of that long-running soap opera "A Licence to Print Money", first seen at the birth of independent television in the 1950s.

But if the new service, due to go live in 1990, is shunned by consumers who feel quite happy with conventionally-supplied fare, we may be treated to a tearful tragedy entitled "The Great White Elephant Show".

The stock market appears as uncertain as any group of observers. When the decision was announced on Thursday, shares in the five members - Granada Group, Amstrad Consumer Electronics, Anglia Television Group, Pearson Group and Virgin Group - all made useful single figure advances.

But then so did Carlton Communications, Saatchi & Saatchi and LWT Holdings, all of which were members of the unsuccessful DBS UK consortium.



Between them, the five members are subscribing £80 million of the initial capital round. The remaining £120 million is being arranged by Citicorp and Lazard Brothers, the merchant banks, who hope to spread the risk among six to 12 other investors. These outsiders, which might include other ITV contractors, have to be approved by the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

The largest cost of the whole operation, approximately £200 million, will be of course the three satellites to transmit the programmes - one operational, a spare on the ground and another reserve in orbit. Here the consortium appears to have market forces on its side, being able to organize a competitive tender between contractors such as British Aerospace and Hughes and RCA of the United States.

The consortium is planning to spend £100 million on programming in the first year although here again there may be room for savings. The mix on BSB is likely to feature low-budget quiz and chat shows as the order of the day. The revenue side is more problematic. The project will rely on two sources of income - advertising and subscription - which the consortium hopes will be large enough to ensure breakeven after three or four years.

Yule bids for Barrow Hepburn

Yule Carto, the industrial chemicals, building products and plantations group, has launched a £17.3 million bid for Barrow Hepburn Group, the industrial holding company chaired by Professor Roland Smith.

Barrow Hepburn has responded by rejecting the bid, calling it "unsolicited and totally unacceptable".

Yule Carto is keen to expand its industrial activities in Britain and boost its British earnings from their present level of about 60 per cent. The combination of the two chemical businesses would form a strong group in the high-growth area of specialty chemicals, the company said.

Yule has a healthy balance sheet with gearing of only 6 per cent at the end of last year. Mr Alex Walker, the chief executive, said the company had financial muscle to bring to Barrow.

The terms of the offer are one convertible preference share of 100p, and 108p in cash for every four Barrow Hepburn shares. This values Barrow at 52p a share.

Mr Walker said Yule was offering a 50 per cent increase in income to Barrow shareholders. Yule made interim pretax profits to the end of June of £4.9 million, a marginal increase over the previous first half, and earnings per share rose 18 per cent.

It has forecast a final dividend of 5.5p, making a total of 8.5p, a rise of 21.5 per cent. Barrow Hepburn made interim pretax profits to the end of June of £1 million, a rise of 7 per cent.

Table with columns for company names and stock prices. Includes companies like AAR, Allied Signal, Amstrad, etc.

Hong Kong exports show 17% increase

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Hong Kong's economy is booming, according to government figures released yesterday.

They show that the crown colony's exports in the first 10 months of this year were 17 per cent greater compared with the same period last year, at HK \$123.7 billion (£11.2 billion).

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table of London financial futures including Sterling, Euro, and other contracts with columns for Open, High, Low, Close, and Bid/Ask.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table of foreign exchange rates for Sterling spot and forward rates, and other sterling rates.

CANADIAN PRICES

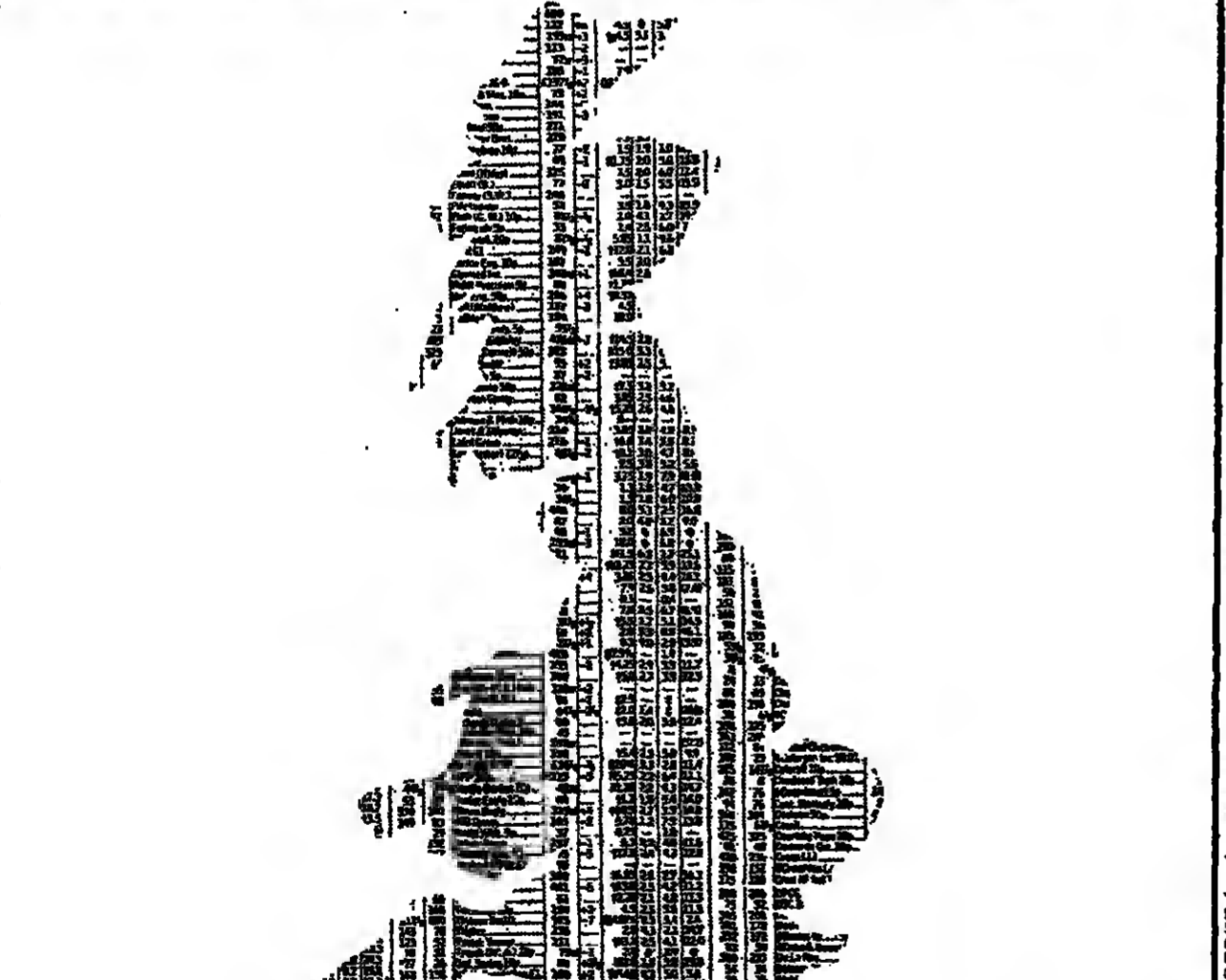
Table of Canadian prices for various commodities and stocks.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table of money markets and gold prices including clearing banks, discount rates, and gold prices.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table of other sterling rates for various currencies and banks.



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Britain's economy is shaping up well for investors. High levels of growth and low inflation have already pushed up company profits. (The FT Actuaries All Share Index rose 23.9% over the last year to 31,108.6 with net income reinvested.)

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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Table of London traded options for various stocks and currencies.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Table of traditional options for various stocks and currencies.

RECENT ISSUES

Table of recent issues for various companies and sectors.

RIGHTS ISSUES

Table of rights issues for various companies.



THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Table of Unit Trusts (A-Z) with columns for Bid, Offer, Change, and Yield. Includes sections for 'UNLISTED SECURITIES' and 'INVESTMENT TRUSTS'.

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Table of Unlisted Securities with columns for High, Low, Company, Bid, Offer, Change, and Yield.

Table of Investment Trusts with columns for High, Low, Company, Bid, Offer, Change, and Yield.

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Advertisement for 'Way opens for Boyd' and 'FINANCIAL TRUSTS' with various financial data and contact information.

Shipping gloom

Text article discussing the shipping industry, mentioning the Baltic International Freight Futures (Biffex) and the impact of a major shipping element.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices including Silver Small, Copper, Lead, Zinc, and various grades of oil and gas.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table of financial trust data, including Live Cattle Contract, Meat and Livestock, and various commodity prices.



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Portfolio Gold

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements...

Table with columns: No., Company, Group, Gain or Loss. Lists various companies like Sears, Appleryard, Catez Allen, etc.

Please take account of any minus signs

Weekly Dividend table with columns: MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, Yearly Total

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £16,000 in Today's newspaper.

BRITISH FUNDS

Table with columns: High Low Stock, Price, Change, %

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Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, %

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Equities drift lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on Monday. Dealings end December 19. Settlement day January 5.

Where stocks have only one price quoted, these are middle prices taken daily at 5pm. Yield, change and P/E ratio are calculated on the middle price

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Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, %

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Portfolio Gold DAILY DIVIDEND £4,000 WEEKLY DIVIDEND £16,000

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Edited by Peter Gartland

FAMILY MONEY/1

Christmas giving, with a bonus

CHARITIES

The Lord may love a cheerful giver, but the Chancellor prefers a regular one. TOM TIKKELL explains

The run-up to Christmas is the big fund-raising season for Britain's major charities, through card sales, gift catalogues and collections. But the use of covenants is still the only means that allows you to make the Inland Revenue disgorge its money at the same time as you do.

Conditions are less restrictive than they were. Covenants for charities need last for only four years (or technically more than three) though the old seven-year rule

still applies elsewhere. What is more, covenants are more attractive for high earners than they used to be, because they can claim tax relief at their top tax rate.

The mechanics of the relief are simple enough. You need £100 before tax to end up with £71 after it, once the 29 per cent rate applies. So having covenanted £100 a year to Oxfam, Dr Barnardo's or Cancer Relief, you actually send off £71. The charity collects the missing £29 from the Inland Revenue.

But higher rate relief does not come automatically. If you make that £100 donation, and pay a top tax rate of 50 per cent, the tax system should provide half the money. Even if the charity can claim back £29 automatically, that still leaves £21 unclaimed.

You have to write to your tax inspector telling him about the donation, and once you have filled in a form, he should either set it against other taxable income at the end of the year or send you a cheque. But once the covenant is up and running, there should be no problems, because the tax office should adjust your tax code to allow for it.

Covenants may be one major route for donations, but another is due to start in April. The Payroll Giving Scheme will allow people to give up to £100 a year from their pre-tax salaries, so that full tax relief applies automatically. The hope is that people in one part of an office will pool their funds, and then decide through a convener where the money is to go month by month. But everyone will be free to make choices individually.

Companies have to accept the scheme first, but there should be no complications. They will probably just forward the funds as a block to some outside agency, such as the Charitable Aid Foundation (CAF), which will then do the donkey work of ensuring that every donation reaches the home chosen for it.

The CAF, at 48 Pembury Road, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2JD (0732 356323), has played that kind of post office role for some time. It receives an income of nearly £30 million a year from people who have made charitable covenants, but want to split the money among various groups or to be free to switch it from one year to another.

People who have given

money to the CAF get a "cheque book" and send off money to as many charities as they want. But when the payroll giving plan comes in, there will probably be a limit of eight charities for every set of contributors.

Everyone is spoiled for choice. There are more than 140,000 charities in Britain, though many are admittedly defunct historical survivals. The Richard Birkenhead Trust, for instance, established in the 17th century, exists to provide "hose and shoes" for three men and three women in Canterbury - "the oldest and most indigent to be chosen". Another group, this time in the North, is still there to provide 16s 8d a year to the poor of the parish, to be paid in calico.

There are 200 charities, Geldof could set record again

with an income of £300,000 a more, according to a recent Keynote report - and the overall income of charities is £6,000 million. The top 10 tend to dominate the business. Last year Bob Geldof brought Band Aid from nowhere to number one on the list with an income of £56.5 million - and he may well set another record in 1986, too.

Usually, however, the top 10 show comparatively little change, and groups such as Oxfam, the Save the Children Fund, the National Trust, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the cancer charities are almost always in it.

Telethons and sponsored runs and parachute jumps

may represent the high-profile fund-raising, but vast sums are still raised through flag days, sales of work, coffee mornings and the like. But attempts by charities such as Mencap and Cancer Research to combine giving and investment by splitting the benefits of unit trust investment between saver and charity have never really got off the ground.

The Cancer Research scheme is very flexible and will work with most of the trusts run by Fidelity. Investors can covenant the income they would normally receive to Cancer Research, while collecting the capital growth themselves. Alternatively, they can switch the arrangement back to front, keeping the income but providing Cancer Research with the growth, perhaps after their deaths.

"We have taken in less than £100,000 through the scheme, and we're frankly disappointed," says Mary Blair of Fidelity. "I know that the Mencap trust, run by M&G, has not attracted in big funds either. That is actually a pity for investors. They may covenant the income to Mencap under the scheme, but the trust also has an excellent record of capital growth."

The problem is probably psychological. People are happy to invest and give to charity, but they have the two ideas firmly compartmentalized and do not like to mix them.

If charities have done badly from unit trusts, requests have always provided a steady flow of funds, and there is even a tax advantage. Inher-



Mary Blair disappointed

itance tax does not apply to money which is left to a charity.

Charities themselves must have one of four aims - to advance religion, to further education, to relieve poverty, or, in a useful catch-all phrase, be designed for some general charitable purposes. But they have to register with their

Tax concessions still look secure

Charity Commissioners and need a board of trustees to ensure that they carry out their objectives.

This year may well prove to be another record year for the charities, which had assets worth £5,000 million, according to the last set of figures. Donations to famine relief more than doubled last year, as Band Aid came on the scene, and much of that was new money, rather than switched contributions.

The tax concessions look secure, though another government could withdraw the public schools' charitable status. But then they are hardly charities in any normal sense.

Quite a good year for satisfied customers

BANKS

Have you ever been short-changed by a cash card machine?

Has one ever eaten your card without any good reason? Has it ever broken down on you halfway through a transaction?

For 12 months customers have suffered all these irritations.

Complaints about cash machines formed the largest single category out of the 782 grumbles received by the Banking Ombudsman during his first year of existence. Nearly 11 per cent, or 85, of the complaints were about the machines.

The next largest group - complaints about the irregular conduct of bank accounts - amounted to only 58, closely followed by 54 complaints about bank charges.

The Ombudsman, Ian Edwards-Jones, QC, said this week in the scheme's first annual report, that with more than 350 million cash machine transactions a year, a few hiccups were virtually inevitable.

The ombudsman system was set up by a group of 19 banks at the start of this year to act as an independent arbitrator for disputes between banks and customers that the banks' own complaints procedures had failed to solve.

It is modelled on the successful insurance ombudsman scheme.

The 19 banks between them account for 99 per cent of all current account customers in Britain, so pretty well everyone who has a complaint has recourse to the ombudsman.

But now complaints that arose before the beginning of this year qualify for referral to him.

In the first year of operation, the scheme has produced some curious results.

The large majority of complaints were withdrawn, and only 26 were settled under the scheme. Not a single one went as far as the ombudsman making an award to one side



A year of arbitration: Ian Edwards-Jones

or the other, the end of the full arbitration process.

Virtually all of these, moreover, were in favour of the customer. Yet Mr Edwards-Jones said that in no case did any bank admit that it was at fault.

The impression one gets is that although banks were happy to settle the disputes - all of which involved very small amounts of money - just to get troublesome customers off their backs, they hardly felt stirred by a deep desire for justice.

Richard Thomson

Banking Correspondent



Smith

The big league with 20 million people's savings

Well over half the total assets of the entire building society industry are now controlled by three societies following this week's announcement of a merger between the Nationwide and the Anglia.

The Nationwide is Britain's third biggest building society and the Anglia is the seventh biggest. The merged society, to be known as the Nationwide Anglia, will remain the third biggest society behind the Halifax and the Abbey National but these three mega-societies will now represent the combined savings of almost 20 million people. The Halifax, Abbey National and

Nationwide Anglia will also have combined total assets of £69 billion out of a total UK building society asset figure of £130 billion.

The Halifax has £27 billion assets, eight million savers and 1.5 million borrowers; the Abbey National has £24 billion assets, 6.2 million savers and one million borrowers; the Nationwide Anglia will have £18 billion assets, 5.5 million savers and 900,000 borrowers.

Provided the merger resolution goes through - and it is subject to the approval of members of both societies - a new society will come

into being on September 1, 1987. Although there is no guarantee of members' approval, the merger promise is likely to meet a better fate than the planned link-up between the Nationwide and the Woolwich. Moves towards that particular merger were abandoned in November 1985 before the plan was put to members for approval.

The chief executive of the merged society will be Tim Melville-Brown who is currently chief general manager of the Nationwide.

Assuming the merger goes through there will be a small but direct monetary benefit for the

Anglia's 304,000 borrowers. Their mortgage rate is one-eighth of one per cent higher than that of the Nationwide for both repayment and endowment mortgages. The rate will be brought down to match the Nationwide's.

On the wider front of services to members, both societies have been active in planning their diversification. The Nationwide has a new Building Societies Act comes into force on January 1.

Nationwide already announced its plans for a national network of 350 estate agency offices

as well as cheque book and money transmission services. Earlier this month Anglia confirmed its own plans for a stockbroking service in conjunction with Hoare Govett as well as an interest-paying cheque account, a cheque guarantee card and a personal loan facility of up to £5,000.

Both societies will continue to develop their diversification plans separately with the intention that the full range of services will be offered by the merged society.

Peter Gartland

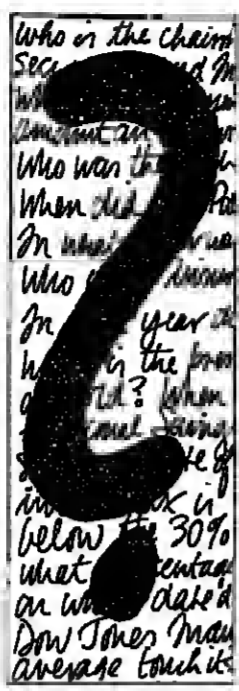
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FAMILY MONEY/2

# What do you really know about money?

**RULES**

- Consumer protection is currently a major talking point in the financial services industry. Who is the chairman of the Securities and Investments Board?
  - (a) Sir Kenneth Berrill
  - (b) Michael Howard
  - (c) Sir Nicholas Goodison
  - (d) Mark Weinberg
- Registered plan managers will be free to offer Personal Equity Plans (PEPs) from January 1. What is the maximum annual amount that an individual can invest in a PEP?
  - (a) £2,400
  - (b) £4,800
  - (c) £6,300
  - (d) No limit



- The forerunner of the Business Expansion Scheme was known by a different name. What was it?
  - (a) Investment Income Surcharge
  - (b) Business Start-up Scheme
  - (c) Industrial Building Allowance
  - (d) Life Assurance Premium Relief
- British Gas shares were initially offered to the public at a price of 15p, partly paid. But when the Pathfinder Prospectus was published a maximum price had been quoted. What was it?
  - (a) 50p
  - (b) 12.5p
  - (c) 130p
  - (d) 150p

- In 1986 the Department for National Savings celebrated a milestone in its history. In which year was National Savings founded?
  - (a) 1861
  - (b) 1886
  - (c) 1914
  - (d) 1969
- Who is the chairman of the world-famous insurance market, Lloyd's of London?
  - (a) Sir Jeremy Morse
  - (b) Peter-Cameron Webb
  - (c) Peter Miller
  - (d) Sir Peter Green

- At 29 per cent, the standard rate of income tax is now below the 30 per cent rate of capital gains for the first time. But who was capital gains tax introduced?
  - (a) 1939
  - (b) 1965
  - (c) 1974
  - (d) 1982
- Unit trust funds under management have increased substantially in recent years. At the end of October, what did the funds under management amount to?
  - (a) £29.9 million
  - (b) £90.3 million
  - (c) £8.7 billion
  - (d) £29.9 billion

- In June 1985 the Government announced it was phasing out a central part of the pensions structure. It subsequently agreed to keep it in a modified form. Which of the following was going to be phased out?
  - (a) The State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme
  - (b) Additional Voluntary Contributions

How much do you think you really know about unit trusts, insurance, pensions, building societies or other subjects that generally come under the heading of personal finance, and how quick are you to spot the names of key personalities in the personal finance world?

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Then send your completed entry to The Editor, Family Money, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN, to arrive at this address not later than Wednesday, December 31, 1986.

The names of winners will be published on Saturday, January 10, 1987.

- The Occupational Pensions Board
  - (a) Ernest Saunders
  - (b) Sir Kenneth Newman
  - (c) Sir Kenneth Newman
  - (d) Ian Edwards-Jones
- Which of the clearing banks has launched a touch-screen, instant dealing service for British Gas shares?
  - (a) Barclays
  - (b) Lloyds
  - (c) Midland
  - (d) National Westminster
- 1986 has been the year of the acroyn. One of the following is not a proposed self-regulatory organization. Which is it?
  - (a) LAUTRO
  - (b) BIBA
  - (c) FIMBRA
  - (d) AFBFD

- Of which UK investment trust was the disgraced American arbitrator Ivan Boesky until recently chairman?
  - (a) GT Japan
  - (b) Cambrian & General
  - (c) Yeoman
  - (d) Ailsa
- In which year did gold hit its peak price in US dollar terms?
  - (a) 1986
  - (b) 1974
  - (c) 1980
  - (d) 1981
- 1986 was the year of Big Bang, but Big Bang had its origins in a pact between the chairman of the Stock Exchange and a government minister back in 1983. Who was the government minister?
  - (a) Sir Geoffrey Howe
  - (b) Cecil Parkinson
  - (c) Leon Britan

- The maximum mortgage loan on which tax relief could be claimed on the interest element was raised to £30,000. In which year did this become effective?
  - (a) 1968
  - (b) 1974
  - (c) 1983
  - (d) 1985
- The self-employed and others in non-pensionable employment who were born in 1934 and later can pay up to a certain percentage of their earnings into a retirement annuity contract. What is this percentage?
  - (a) 10.45 per cent
  - (b) 17.5 per cent
  - (c) 25.6 per cent
  - (d) 30 per cent

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People who know what you're worth

As consumer credit surges to its estimated pre-Christmas level of £3 billion a week. NICHOLAS COLE reports on Britain's credit rating systems

The computer-based process of assessing statistically whether people are likely to prove good or bad risks is used widely in the United States, where credit is so hard to get without a "rating" that individuals virtually volunteer personal details to establish a record as reliable borrowers.

A similar system could gain further ground here - and although the privacy lobby loathes the idea, it is a matter of when rather than if. One outcome will be closer acquaintance with certain bodies that most of us are only distantly aware of - credit reference agencies.

These organizations collect information about people's financial standing. They are today's form of the trade protection societies that developed from the 17th-century practice of traders discussing customers' creditworthiness.

The first society was founded 185 years ago in a London coffee house. Others followed, flourished, folded or merged, resulting in today's groupings, which primarily include CCN Systems, a Nottingham-based subsidiary of Great Universal Stores, UAPT Infotek, in Croydon, Surrey, and Westcot Data of Glasgow.

agencies themselves have been asked by members of the public to make several thousand "notes of correction" since implementation of the 1974 Act. This requires disclosure of all information stored under the individual's name or in a cross-referenced file, even if it relates to others such as their spouse or partner.

In meeting their objectives of protecting trade and industry, and also discouraging unsuitable borrowers, the agencies firstly provide a means of confirming the name and address a would-be borrower gives the lender. This is done against the electoral register.

UAPT, the UK's largest independent credit information agency, with 5,500 members, has all 42.5 million voters on its new £7.5 million computer.

Public records are also checked for any bankruptcies and county court judgments relating to default - there are more than two million annually.

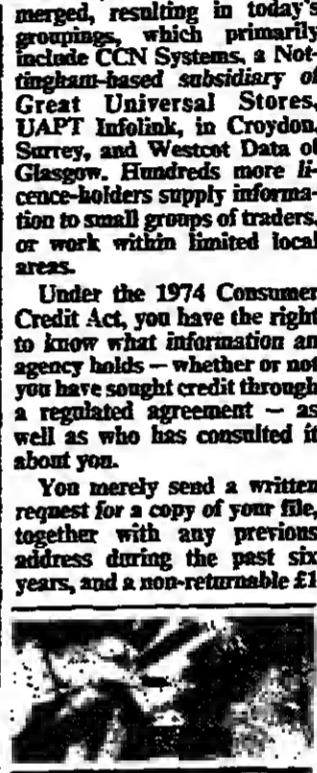
"Transactions" entries, supplied by agency members or subscribers, record details of individual agreements, normally including starting date, amount, terms, leading com-

pany's name and, in some cases, a frequent up-date. Lenders' demands for better-quality data about consumers' existing debts and their ability to settle these has led to the agencies marketing increasingly elaborate services that already include the pooling of finance house account data and will soon cover loan and credit accounts funded by banks.

The main clearers are discussing means by which customers' default details can be passed to UAPT for filing in a form similar to, but short of, their full payment profile. Any anxieties over this inherent break with tradition could well be mitigated by disclosures of the extent to which good customers pay for the growing number of bad ones.

Their debts in the credit explosion fall-out - £5,000 to £10,000 a head on multiple commitments including credit cards and personal loans - contribute to high borrowing rates. With intensified competition - and demand, even when interest is 17 billion per cent, as in a recent Cheltenham case - the OFT pleads constantly for responsible lending.

The credit reference bureaux see themselves caught in the middle, trying to achieve closer harmony between credit source and customer, both of whom lose if credit is given to the uncreditworthy or denied to the creditworthy. In general, consumer organizations consider the agencies do a fair and sensible job, but should be judged solely on their accuracy and impartiality.



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FAMILY MONEY 4

# How your cash will be guarded

The Building Societies Act has put the spotlight both on the potential for societies to convert into public liability status and the greater range of services that may be offered from January 1.

However, publicity has so far not been given to the scheme for society investor protection, which changes that day, and particularly to how those investors in societies

### An outstanding safety record

that are not members of the Building Societies Association will be left.

After years of relative stability in the building society world, "mergers" are very much in the air. Following the links between the Bideford and West of England on October 31, Peterborough with Norwich, and Property Owners with Woolwich Equitable, the association has 128 members - soon to be 127 after the proposed Nationwide-Anglia merger. But there are 23 societies with building society status outside the association.

Building societies have an outstanding record for safety. Since the war, no ordinary investor in a society within the association has lost any savings. On the few occasions

when a society has had financial difficulty, other societies have stepped in to ensure savings are fully protected.

That security rests on three elements: monitoring of building society activities, prudential requirements and the Investors' Protection Scheme.

Their business transactions are monitored by the relevant government department, the Registry of Friendly Societies and the association itself. Societies are required to submit a detailed annual return on their activities as well as completing monthly and quarterly returns to the registry to help identify potential difficulties at an early stage.

At the moment the law requires that societies lend only on the security of freehold or leasehold estate, that 90 per cent of loans should be of relatively modest amounts to owner-occupiers, and that they must value properties on which they lend.

Losses have been minimal. In 1984 mortgage losses accounted for only 0.005 per cent of mortgage assets of about £82,000 million.

A proportion of liquid funds has to be kept in short-term securities. Trustee status lays down several additional requirements.

Under the Investors' Protection Scheme, depositors are fully protected. Share invest-

THIS BUILDING SOCIETY IS NOT PROTECTED BY DOGS BUT IS LOOKED AFTER BY THE INVESTORS' PROTECTION SERVICE.



ors in societies that are contributing members to the scheme are protected up to 90 per cent of their capital. Non-contributing societies protect their members up to 75 per cent of their capital.

Five building societies, which are not members of the association, nevertheless participate in the scheme:

- Century, based in Albany Street, Edinburgh
- Kidderminster Equitable, in Worcester
- Lough, Mablethorpe & Sutton Permanent Benefit, in Lincolnshire
- St Stephen's, at 70 Chespost Road, Bayswater, London
- Thrift, at 3 Turnpike Pa-

rade, Green Lanes, Tottenham, London.

Until December 31, when the Investors' Protection Scheme will be discontinued, there is no upper limit to the size of accounts protected. After the January 1 changes all societies - whether or not they are members of the association - will have members' investments protected but to the lower level of 90 per cent of the first £10,000 of savings. A joint account will be 90 per cent of £20,000.

There is to be no specified funding by the societies to meet the new statutory Investor Protection Scheme. The Act specifies a maximum for every society of 0.5 per cent per annum of total shares and deposits if a society gets into financial difficulty. This would be adequate for a small society but nowhere near adequate for one of the society giants.

The banks have provision for a permanent fund in the event of a claim but the Treasury minister Ian Stewart felt this was unnecessary in the case of building societies as "calls on the scheme are likely to be less frequent than those on behalf of depositors with small licensed deposit takers under the Banking Act Scheme".

Building societies that are not association members are

under pressure to merge with other societies (such as The King Edward, of Liverpool, with Birmingham Midshires, and the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows with Northern Rock, of Newcastle upon Tyne), or to wind themselves up, which simply means that the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies strikes them off the list. Under the association's rules, they cannot become

### Greater confidence from January 1

members until they have had an active existence for at least five years and have accounts for that period.

Ahead of the new protection scheme, it would be wise to ask non-members of the association what they intend to do about status. From January 1 investors in such societies will have the greater confidence that, if their society was not party to the Investors' Protection Scheme, they will enjoy limited protection from that date.

Several have been prominent in recent months, such as the Ecology on account of its declared policy of assisting those wishing to convert older properties.

Conal Gregory

### NON-BUILDING SOCIETIES ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Society	Date established	Shareholders	Shareholders' amount due (£)	Total assets (£)
Capital & Counties (Sheffield)	1955	3	100,616	130,001
Century (Edinburgh)	1899	1,405	4,752,876	6,156,739
City of Derry (Londonderry)	1876	739	2,180,045	2,444,670
County of London (London SE13)	1934	318	60,137	78,088
Ecology (Wembley, Middlesex)	1956	111	100,280	136,944
Ecology (Keighley, West Yorkshire)	1980	756	994,480	1,275,376
Everton (Liverpool)	1853	241	254,401	334,762
Haverstock (London E1)	1892	74	7,834	11,820
Hollins P (Hale, Cheshire)	1930	14	87,600	166,182
Immigrants (London NW10)	1983	10	50,000	53,426
Kidderminster Equitable	1981	909	2,927,638	3,192,978
Law Mutual (Wembley, Middlesex)	1957	41	15,445	44,418
Lough, Mablethorpe & Sutton (Lincolnshire)	1877	1,285	3,550,289	3,804,177
Nottingham & DT P (Leamington Spa)	1909	60	50,059	58,212
Piccadilly (London EC3)	1952	6	8,578	9,619
Ravenhead (St Helens, Merseyside)	1881	16	18,864	28,745
St Stephen's (London W2)	1955	379	1,266,832	1,368,299
South Durham (Peterlee)	1903	73	203,361	251,073
Sun (Liverpool)	1875	207	249,287	349,003
Thrift (London N15)	1886	4,039	8,449,629	9,182,229
United Kingdom (Liverpool)	1862	287	305,328	414,077
Western (London N4)		8	-	1,100
Wishaw Inv (Wishaw, Strathclyde)	1858	82	216,464	270,396

## Receiver moves in on crumbling Cookie Co

The Department of Trade and Industry has petitioned to have the Cookie Coach Co compulsorily wound up. This was a franchise company with the franchisees selling cakes, cookies and other food from 1920s style vans.

On December 3 Peat Marwick, the accountancy firm, was appointed receiver of the company and is now trying to sell the business as a going concern.

The position of the 46 franchisees is very much uncertain. Franchisees of the Cookie Coach Co paid an initial franchise fee of £6,500 each and were given the right to sell cookies from their vans within a defined territory. They had to buy the vans themselves and purchased their supplies from the franchisor.

There are indications that legal proceedings will result from the collapse of this franchise. There is also likely to be a substantial deficiency.

Philip Ramsbottom, one of the joint receivers, said yesterday: "Early indications are that there will be a deficiency of about half a million pounds."

The Cookie Coach Company was not a full member of the British Franchise Association (BFA), the industry

watchdog and trade association for franchisors.

However, it was on a list maintained by the BFA which is called the "BFA Register of Qualified Non-Member Companies Developing Franchises".

Tony Duffield, the BFA's director, explained yesterday that this was a list of companies which had not yet satisfied the criteria for full BFA membership.

He said: "We look basically for a properly constructed franchise agreement, a viable prospectus and a pilot scheme with at least one franchisee which has been running for at least a year."

"We do also ask for a set of accounts, but it is generally too early in a company's existence for these to tell you much."

Mr Duffield also said the Cookie Coach Co had never applied for full membership of the BFA.

Details on what went wrong with this particular franchise have not yet emerged. If you are considering taking out a franchise, make sure you do a lot of homework first - both on the range of franchises available and on the particular franchise you have chosen.

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RUGBY UNION

Injury-hit South-West hope Barnes recovers for London showdown

It is, perhaps, a pious prayer since the weather reports are not good for the south-west, but the England selectors will hope that the rain does not turn the Bath Recreation Ground into a quagmire for the second weekend of the Thorn EMI divisional championship today. They will be looking for a more productive game from the South-West and London than that which London played against the Midlands last weekend.

Equally, at the other end of the country, they will be looking to see if the North's win against the South-West last weekend was a flash in the pan or whether, against the Midlands at Gosford, they can indicate that an eclectic side can come together in an effective and entertaining way against a team whose virtues tend towards the solid rather than inspirational.

There have been changes in all four divisional sides and there may yet be one more: the South-West selectors are giving Stuart Barnes, their stand-off half, as long as possible to recover from a haematomia on the hip. Should he be forced to withdraw, Mike Hamlin, of Gloucester, will come into the side, as he did in the equivalent fixture last season when London won 22-3.

Injuries have already forced the South-West into making two changes. Chris Martin moves to the left wing which leaves Jon Webb to play full back. John Gadd comes in at blind-side flanker for John Hall. It is four years since Gadd toured North America with England and came as close to an England cap the year after as an appearance for an England XV against Canada would indicate.

Withyman signs with Nottingham

Tom Withyman, who, with Robert Wainwright, led such a valiant Cambridge pack in defeat against Oxford in the University match on Tuesday, is the third Light Blue to join Nottingham during the Christmas holidays.

Withyman, the former England Schools No 8 from Spalding, will play for the second team against Leicester Extras today while his university colleagues, Kelvin Wyles and Chris Oll, make their first-team debuts against Loughborough Students and War.

Nottingham, with nine regulars away with either the Midlands or the Anglo-Scots, will watch the development of their new youngsters with interest. Their three-quarters today consist of Clifton Jones and Robin Nelson-Williams, a rarity in English first-class rugby because all except Wyles are black. England still await their first coloured international since 'Dorak' Peters before the First World War.

Edinburgh look the better side

The McEwan's Scottish inter-district championship continues with Edinburgh playing North and Midlands playing Edinburgh at Cupar.

Lively writing retains interest

But Greenwood does not become bogged down in technical analysis, or little drawings describing moves. His writing remains lively: 'The TDM can suffer, like Scrummies, as a result of a system for helping to improve decision-making'. Hence the reference, throughout his book, to the TDM - the tactical decision-maker - a creature which obviously exists throughout British rugby but whose quality is far from uniformly good.

Time to give an ear to the coach

Sports writers of The Times present their selection from the sporting books of the year. Today, David Hands, on the best from the world of rugby. It is not often one feels obliged to place a coaching manual at the head of a book list generally because they are neither easy on the eye nor the mind and they speak to a limited audience, all too frequently of coaching certificates themselves.

Perpetual competitor seeks some domestic recognition

No sportsman in Britain, perhaps even in the world, can claim to work as hard as professional cyclist, Tony Doyle. Last night in Maastricht, a small Dutch town in the Limburg coal mining district, he continued his treadmill against the clock over the race of his winter season that began in West Berlin just eight weeks ago.

Tony Doyle: Master of the Sixes



Launching time: Doyle (below) slogs in favourite partner Clark as a six-day tempo rides

Perpetual competitor seeks some domestic recognition

His partner then, like his partner tonight, was Danny Clark, aged 35, from Tasmania who is the fifth most successful six-day man of all time. Together, they make the most formidable team in the sport today.

Doyle gets frustrated at the British media's almost total lack of recognition for his achievements. 'Having reached the top it's not at all how I imagined it,' he said. 'People don't understand what I have done, they don't know what it means. I even saw problems in explaining what a pursuit is. A six-day? Well, that's impossible.'

Doyle and Clark are paid good money by the continental race directors - up to 100,000 will pay to watch the action over the six days and nights of racing, during which the leading teams can cover around 1,000 miles.

Change of dates is a financial face-saver

The change of dates for their financial year has saved the British athletics authorities from further embarrassment. At its annual general meeting last week, the Amateur Athletic Association was taken to task by the English clubs over accountability for the huge sums of money coming into the sport.

A vest for England in dispute

Terry Thornton, a 19-year-old middle- and long-distance runner from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, has been picked to represent England in an international cross-country Union event in Spain next week. Though he, unlike Zola Budd, was born here of English parents, the haste with which he has been chosen to don an English vest has been condemned by campaigners against South African sport.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Moseley v Bristol: Bristol have dropped Blackmors for this John Smith's merit table A game and pair Skuse with Williams return to the back against Moseley who play Parsons on the wing and Cowell at scrum half.

Christie to switch positions

Colin Christie, the North outside half who has been whispered as a possible replacement for Ian Brown in the Irish team, next season, switches to full back for the section one senior league game at Ormeau against Bangor this afternoon.

De Silva gets Sri Lanka off to bright start

Kohlapur, India (Renter)-Aravinda de Silva hit an unbeaten century in his first two innings as Sri Lanka made an imposing start to their three-day match against the Indian Under-25 team yesterday.

Worcestershire lose Roberts to GB trial

Yet another training weekend for the Great Britain squad has deprived a team of a leading player for an important event. The latest to suffer are Worcestershire, who will start their county championship semi-final against Cheshire at Wilsden today without Jonathan Roberts, and they are not happy about it.

The heady days of Welsh rugby

Let us end with the Welsh, who so frequently have the last word anyway. Rugby: Body and Soul by Bill Samuel (Granata Press, £5.95) is the most complete tale of the man who taught Gareth Edwards to become one of the great scrum halves.

WEEKEND RUGBY FIXTURES

Table listing weekend rugby fixtures including THORN EMI CHAMPIONSHIP, JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE A, and CLUB MATCHES.

GOLF

Unique Curtis Cup win nets writers' award. The team of British and Irish women's golfers who won the Curtis Cup in America three months ago, were honoured on Thursday when the prestigious Golf Writers' Trophy was awarded to them.

RACING: WEST TIP HEADS STRONG SGB CHASE LINE-UP

Lightly-weighted Bucko can add to Fitzgerald's run of success

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

West Tip, the winner of this year's Grand National and a very likely winner of next year's Aintree spectacular in my opinion, will have his second race of the season in the SGB Handicap Chase at Ascot today.

Newbury a fortnight later when he looked a tired horse before falling three fences from home to the Hennessy. Broadbent also made a nonsense of jumping that same fence at Newbury but he got away with it and went on to win, with Plundering five lengths behind in fourth place.

Haydock Park before that. Apparently, Bucko was not right at Sandown. He is said to be spot on now. Today's fine Ascot card begins with the Killiney Novices' Chase which features the second appearance of this season of that exciting young chaser Midnight Comet who impressed so much when winning his first steeplechase at Sandown a fortnight ago.

That Graham Bradley will win the first two races for Monica Dickinson on Dan The Miller (12.40) and Wayward Lad (1.10). Dan The Miller, my selection for the Freebooter Novices' Chase, has taken to jumping fences like the proverbial duck to water. As for old Wayward Lad, he still has it in him to give two stone and a hiding to his four rivals in the Sheila's Cottage Handicap Chase now that he will be sharper for that run behind Cybrandan and Mr Moonraker at Chesham.

ASCOT Selections By Mandarin. 12.15 Midnight Court. 12.30 Nohaldum. 1.20 Gaye Brief. 1.55 Bucko. 2.30 Charming Wally. 3.00 Bluff Cove. By Michael Seely. 1.55 Bucko. 2.30 Desert Orchid. 3.00 RED ROCKY (nap).

BBC 1 1.55 SGB HANDICAP CHASE (213,788: 3m) (12 runners) 401 0001-0 WEST TIP (5) (P Luff) M Oliver 9-11-10... R Danowood 94 12-1

Guide to our in-line racecard 103 (12) 0-4-22 TIMESFORM (C&F) (Mrs J Pyley) 5-11-0... 12.15 KILLINEY NOVICES CHASE (25,014: 2m 4f) (6 runners) 102 119-1 MIDNIGHT COURT (5) (J Gifford 6-11-6)...

FORM WEST TIP (11-10) in need of outing when 15th last of 8 to Havenlight (10-11) at Chesham (5m 11.1) good last time. On final outing last time (10-11) had CLASSIFIED (10-2) 22k back in Sandown when Grand National (4m 6f) good to start a race in which he had DOOR LATCH (10-1) and PLUNDERING (10-1) who were early casualties. BROADBENT (10-5) based on to beat Two Coopers (10-0) 14k with PLUNDERING (10-2) another 39k back at 4m and DOOR LATCH (11-1) weakening when taking 3 out in Sandown when beating WEST TIP (10-7) 8k with CASTLE WARDEN (10-1) a further 4k back in 5m (2m, good, 6m).

12.50 H.S.S. HIRE SHOPS HURDLE (24,811: 2m) (5 runners) 201 123212 BARNROCK AGARI (M Davies) 5-11-6... R Ansell 98 6-4

3.0 HAMPTON COURT HANDICAP HURDLE (Auburns: £3,228: 2m 4f) (23 runners) 601 102063 CATS EYES (6) (T Chandler) M Pipe 6-12-4... R Baskley (7) 82 6-1

1.20 LONG WALK HURDLE (Grade II: £6,740: 3m 2f) (5 runners) 301 F23-F-2 GAYE BRIEF (C) (Sheila) A B Khan (Kilmore) M Fittell 9-11-9... S Marshwood 59 5-4

2.10 STEEL PLATE & SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS QUALIFIER (2,512: 2m 4f) (7 runners) 2 32-121 JOINT SOVEREIGNTY (5) (A Budget) J Gifford 9-11-12... J J Quinn 99 5-4

1.40 MR CHRIS GATEAUX & CAKES HANDICAP HURDLE (24,285: 2m 4f) (15 runners) 1 1014-0 COOL DECISION (1) (C Potts) Miss S Hall 9-11-10... R Barnshaw 91 7-1

2.40 GLASGOW PADDOCKS SELLING HURDLE (E1,526: 2m 150yd) (18 runners) 3 86-4 JAMES BRAVE BOY (J Edder) G Chapman 4-11-16... G Bradley 99 5-1

1.10 SHEILA'S COTTAGE HANDICAP CHASE (25,208: 3m 2f) (5 runners) 1 212-33 WAYWARD LAD (5) (Mrs S Thewlis) Mrs M Dickinson 11-12-0... G Bradley 99 7-4

3.40 DONCASTER HILL FLAT RACE (2826: 2m 150yd) (18 runners) 1 1 PRIZE HILL (Mrs G Cribbe) 8 Barons 4-11-9... Miss T Davis (7) 77-6

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Double takes stylish Dwyer to first British half-century

By Michael Seely

Mark Dwyer gained the first half-century of his five-year riding career in Britain when landing a double on Alarm Call and Big Tigger at Doncaster yesterday.

Conditions favour Bobsline

By our Irish Racing Correspondent

Bobsline, the 1984 winner of the Durban Bros. International Purse Chase, made a handful of mistakes in his repeat attempt 12 months ago, finishing a poor fourth.

TOWCESTER Selections By Mandarin

12.30 DEVELOPERS RUN. 1.00 Brother Geoffrey. 1.30 Running Arrow. 2.00 Co-Member. 2.30 Andra Dawn. 3.00 Man O'Magic. Michael Seely's selection: 4.30 Henryk.

2.0 'WELL TO DO' CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (22,704: 3m 150yd) (8)

1 100-1 ELMOBY (C) W Mawdsley 6-12-7... D Mearns 62 10-0

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M H Easterby 11, S Meador 10, F Winter 10, G Southwell 10, N Henderson 10. JOCKEYS: S Smith 12, C Brown 12, P Scudamore 12, G Baines 12, P Barber 12.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Doncaster 3.15 (2m 120yd) 1. BIG TOGGER (5) (Mrs M Thewlis) Mrs M Dickinson 11-12-0... G Bradley 99 7-4

Warwick

1.0 (2m 110yd) 1. CELTIC CHEF (5) (Mrs M Thewlis) Mrs M Dickinson 11-12-0... G Bradley 99 7-4

Course specialists

TRAINERS: G Richards 5, Jimmy Fitzgerald 5, P Henderson 5, M Henderson 5. JOCKEYS: W Briggs 2, A J Cook 2, J Gifford 2, J J Quinn 2, M J Smith 2, T Topley 2.

Which way off stand traces... May opens for Boyd to win title... Various vertical text on the right margin.







SATURDAY

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

SUNDAY

CHOICE

Minimalist it might be, but I found no repetitive bleakness about the musical landscape in John Adams's concerto for two pianos...

A poor day for movies, the one mighty exception being Kurosawa's 'Kagemusha' (BBC2, 10.05pm) which, even though it will lose something on the small screen...

Peter Davalle



John Adams, the American composer, talks about and conducts his Grand Piano Music on BBC2, 8.25pm



Frederick Treves as the big game hunter turned conservationist in Man-Eaters of Kumaon (BBC2, 8.25pm)

CHOICE

A humdrum script is compensated for by Andrew Dunn's poetic photography of wild India in Man-Eaters of Kumaon (BBC2, 7.15pm)...

Corbett and tiger was a remarkable one, and Kirby imaginatively exemplifies it in his film with a shot in which a tiger's head is superimposed on Corbett's during a magic lantern lecture.

BBC 1

- 8.30 Family-Ness. (r) 8.55 The Muppet Babies. 9.00 Saturday Superstore...

BBC 2

- 8.00 Ceefax 1.30 Open University. 2.15 Film: Double Dynamite...

ITV LONDON

- 6.55 TV-am introduced by Mike Morris. 7.00 The Wives and Children...

CHANNEL 4

- 9.25 A Creation of Economics. Part one of a four-part series...

BBC 1

- 8.55 Play School. 9.15 Morning Worship. The third of four masses...

BBC 2

- 8.00 Ceefax. 8.45 Open University. 11.00 Saturday and Middlesday...

ITV LONDON

- 6.55 TV-am begins with Sunday Comment. 7.00 Area Awareness...

CHANNEL 4

- 8.25 Sunday East includes a discussion on how to deal with the blood disease...

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below). News on the half-hour until 12.30pm...

6.25 On medium wave only. Test Match: Third Test. From Adelaide. Coverage continues until 7.30am.

11.05 Piano Trio (under Boston SO (under Ozawa), with Tanguentouwe Festival...

6.35 Lizz: BBC Singers. Ave Maria, 1852; Ossa erida, 1879; Ave Verum corpus...

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1). News on the hour until 1.00pm...

6.25 Medium wave only. Test Match: Third day's play in Adelaide between Australia and England...

6.55 On VHF-Weather. 7.00 News. 8.00am Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell...

6.50 English Brass Ensemble: Edward Shiple (The Dowry's picture-book, Buxton Orr (Diverments)...

WORLD SERVICE. 8.00 Newsweek (until 8.30) 7.00 News 7.20 Newsweek...

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News. 6.10 (Prudhoe) (s) music. 6.30 News. 6.55 Weather...

12.27 Quota. Unquote: The quotations game with a celebrity panel (s). 12.55 Weather.

6.05 News: Sports round-up. Stop the Weic: Robert Robinson with entertaining conversation (s).

WORLD SERVICE. 8.00 Newsweek (until 8.30) 7.00 News 7.20 Newsweek...

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News. 6.30 News: Morning has Broken. 7.00 News...

6.00 News. 6.15 Sunday Religious news and views. 6.50 The Week's Good Cause...

9.30 The Peterborough Bells: After several decades, the bells at Peterborough Cathedral...

